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# Indiana Family Report

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# The State of the Family in Indiana

The Indiana Family Institute believes that healthy families are the core of a strong, successful society. In order for healthy families to be realized, the institution of marriage must be strong. After all, the heart of family is marriage. By our very nature mankind is dependant on marriage as the cornerstone of family to live, grow and reach our full potential.

As children we are dependant on our mother and father for all our physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The existence of a marital bond between a child's mother and father is vital for the child's overall well-being. Children who live with their own two married parents enjoy better physical health, on average, than do children in other family situations.<sup>1</sup> Children whose parents divorce have higher rates of psychological distress and mental illness.<sup>2</sup>

As adults, we either enter into healthy marriages and reap the benefits of the institution or we are benefited by those members of society who do have healthy marriages. Married men and women report significantly higher levels of happiness than do unmarried people.<sup>3</sup> A seven-year study of young married adults found that those who stayed married experienced less depression and fewer alcohol problems than did those who remained single.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, all of society benefits from healthy marriage. High rates of family fragmentation cost taxpayers enormous sums as government programs are formed (in part) to address the problems this fragmentation causes – including child support enforcement, TANF, Medicaid, food stamps, foster care, criminal justice programs, drug abuse, teen mothers, special education, and drop-out prevention.<sup>5</sup>

Given the overwhelming body of evidence that shows how vital strong marriages and families are to society, the Indiana Family Institute has created a tool to evaluate the strength of the family in Indiana. The Indiana Family Report is a compilation of statistical information in the form of Family Health Indicators which can be used as a baseline to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the institution of the family in every Indiana county. These Family Health Indicators will now be available to help public health officials, policy makers, and community leaders better recognize how to strengthen families in each county across Indiana. The hope of the Indiana Family Institute is that the statistics within the Indiana Family Report will be updated annually. In addition, the Indiana Family Institute will urge state government to improve certain statistics collection (divorce data for example).

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<sup>1</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 11.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 15.

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<sup>3</sup> Family Research Council, *The Family Portrait*, ed. Bridget Maher (Washington, DC: Family Research Council, 2002), 5.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> National Fatherhood Initiative, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Institute for American Values, *Can Government Strengthen Marriage? Evidence from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2004), 27.

## Divorce Rate

Divorce Statistics in Indiana are difficult to obtain because Indiana state government does not keep such records. The statistics used in this report are from a 1 in 6 sample from the U.S. Census Bureau. These statistics should give an accurate picture of divorce within Indiana counties.

Keeping the divorce rate low is important to keeping the family strong. Fractured families, due to divorce, have negative effects on the adults and children involved and on society in general. Economically, families suffer, as research shows that divorce increases the economic vulnerability of both children and mothers.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, David Schramm, a researcher at Utah State University, has concluded that an “average” divorce costs government \$30,000 and the family nearly \$19,000.

Beyond economics, divorce has an effect on the health and well-being of children. According to the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, divorce appears to have negative effects on children’s physical health and life expectancy.<sup>2</sup> Thus, keeping the divorce rate low should be the goal of every Indiana County.

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<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 11.

## Divorce Rate

Rates are number of people 15+ divorced per 1000 population

| County             | Rank | Rate    | Population 15 years and over: Total number divorced | Population 15 years and over: Total |
|--------------------|------|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Adams County       | 4    | 78.13   | 1,949   | 24,946                              |
| Allen County       | 50   | 107.34  | 27,352  | 254,824                             |
| Bartholomew County | 61   | 111.32  | 6,169   | 55,418                              |
| Benton County      | 22   | 94.24   | 689   | 7,311                               |
| Blackford County   | 83   | 122.53  | 1,366   | 11,148                              |
| Boone County       | 24   | 95.88   | 3,378   | 35,232                              |
| Brown County       | 32   | 100.28  | 1,219   | 12,156                              |
| Carroll County     | 16   | 91.64   | 1,445   | 15,769                              |
| Cass County        | 65   | 112.74  | 3,653   | 32,401                              |
| Clark County       | 89   | 129.21  | 9,954   | 77,038                              |
| Clay County        | 37   | 101.71  | 2,128   | 20,923                              |
| Clinton County     | 34   | 100.63  | 2,638   | 26,216                              |
| Crawford County    | 68   | 114.31  | 966   | 8,451                               |
| Daviess County     | 18   | 92.74   | 2,102   | 22,665                              |
| Dearborn County    | 17   | 92.73   | 3,305   | 35,640                              |
| Decatur County     | 46   | 105.87  | 2,029   | 19,165                              |
| DeKalb County      | 48   | 106.241 | 3,272   | 30,798                              |
| Delaware County    | 47   | 106.238 | 10,314  | 97,084                              |
| Dubois County      | 10   | 84.32   | 2,589   | 30,703                              |
| Elkhart County     | 43   | 103.68  | 14,335  | 138,268                             |
| Fayette County     | 81   | 119.67  | 2,444   | 20,422                              |
| Floyd County       | 80   | 119.48  | 6,644   | 55,606                              |
| Fountain County    | 51   | 107.63  | 1,514   | 14,067                              |
| Franklin County    | 7    | 83.62   | 1,421   | 16,993                              |
| Fulton County      | 52   | 108.24  | 1,749   | 16,158                              |
| Gibson County      | 42   | 103.51  | 2,677   | 25,863                              |
| Grant County       | 64   | 112.70  | 6,630   | 58,828                              |
| Greene County      | 58   | 110.60  | 2,921   | 26,410                              |
| Hamilton County    | 3    | 78.00   | 10,491  | 134,505                             |
| Hancock County     | 8    | 83.71   | 3,626   | 43,316                              |
| Harrison County    | 30   | 99.41   | 2,691   | 27,071                              |
| Hendricks County   | 20   | 93.24   | 7,456   | 79,969                              |
| Henry County       | 55   | 110.20  | 4,284   | 38,876                              |
| Howard County      | 88   | 128.08  | 8,575   | 66,949                              |
| Huntington County  | 40   | 102.22  | 3,054   | 29,877                              |
| Jackson County     | 66   | 113.71  | 3,695   | 32,496                              |
| Jasper County      | 2    | 77.75   | 1,810   | 23,280                              |
| Jay County         | 38   | 101.90  | 1,718   | 16,860                              |
| Jefferson County   | 85   | 124.41  | 3,149   | 25,311                              |
| Jennings County    | 78   | 118.43  | 2,502   | 21,126                              |
| Johnson County     | 25   | 97.35   | 8,670   | 89,056                              |
| Knox County        | 49   | 107.16  | 3,434   | 32,047                              |
| Kosciusko County   | 26   | 97.40   | 5,556   | 57,042                              |

|                      |    |          |         |           |
|----------------------|----|----------|---------|-----------|
| LaGrange County      | 1  | 74.27    | 1,867   | 25,139    |
| Lake County          | 39 | 102.21   | 38,567  | 377,333   |
| LaPorte County       | 86 | 124.46   | 10,942  | 87,918    |
| Lawrence County      | 71 | 115.58   | 4,230   | 36,597    |
| Madison County       | 87 | 126.06   | 13,481  | 106,937   |
| Marion County        | 91 | 131.51   | 88,509  | 673,028   |
| Marshall County      | 21 | 93.47    | 3,249   | 34,758    |
| Martin County        | 73 | 116.2762 | 958     | 8,239     |
| Miami County         | 70 | 115.29   | 3,272   | 28,381    |
| Monroe County        | 15 | 91.47    | 9,387   | 102,628   |
| Montgomery County    | 63 | 112.35   | 3,315   | 29,506    |
| Morgan County        | 60 | 111.25   | 5,748   | 51,666    |
| Newton County        | 19 | 92.88    | 1,065   | 11,467    |
| Noble County         | 41 | 103.19   | 3,628   | 35,157    |
| Ohio County          | 6  | 83.18    | 373     | 4,484     |
| Orange County        | 77 | 116.65   | 1,768   | 15,157    |
| Owen County          | 82 | 119.91   | 2,043   | 17,038    |
| Parke County         | 79 | 119.15   | 1,655   | 13,890    |
| Perry County         | 72 | 116.2761 | 1,791   | 15,403    |
| Pike County          | 29 | 99.40    | 1,023   | 10,292    |
| Porter County        | 27 | 99.10    | 11,523  | 116,281   |
| Posey County         | 23 | 94.25    | 1,976   | 20,966    |
| Pulaski County       | 62 | 112.20   | 1,204   | 10,731    |
| Putnam County        | 56 | 110.54   | 3,206   | 29,002    |
| Randolph County      | 54 | 109.58   | 2,372   | 21,646    |
| Ripley County        | 13 | 89.78    | 1,822   | 20,295    |
| Rush County          | 59 | 110.77   | 1,569   | 14,165    |
| Scott County         | 92 | 132.82   | 2,382   | 17,934    |
| Shelby County        | 69 | 114.55   | 3,883   | 33,899    |
| Spencer County       | 9  | 84.03    | 1,342   | 15,970    |
| St. Joseph County    | 31 | 99.86    | 20,827  | 208,552   |
| Starke County        | 33 | 100.58   | 1,852   | 18,413    |
| Steuben County       | 75 | 116.53   | 3,047   | 26,147    |
| Sullivan County      | 84 | 122.78   | 2,183   | 17,780    |
| Switzerland County   | 74 | 116.40   | 829     | 7,122     |
| Tippecanoe County    | 5  | 82.17    | 10,104  | 122,970   |
| Tipton County        | 14 | 90.63    | 1,195   | 13,186    |
| Union County         | 35 | 100.79   | 577     | 5,725     |
| Vanderburgh County   | 90 | 130.39   | 18,111  | 138,895   |
| Vermillion County    | 53 | 109.04   | 1,471   | 13,490    |
| Vigo County          | 67 | 113.84   | 9,770   | 85,823    |
| Wabash County        | 28 | 99.27    | 2,784   | 28,045    |
| Warren County        | 12 | 86.73    | 571     | 6,584     |
| Warrick County       | 11 | 85.39    | 3,490   | 40,871    |
| Washington County    | 57 | 110.57   | 2,348   | 21,235    |
| Wayne County         | 76 | 116.59   | 6,621   | 56,787    |
| Wells County         | 36 | 101.21   | 2,166   | 21,402    |
| White County         | 45 | 105.70   | 2,105   | 19,915    |
| Whitley County       | 44 | 103.69   | 2,479   | 23,907    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 108.62   | 518,243 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest divorce rate, 92 equals highest divorce rate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## **Divorced or Separated**

This particular Family Health Indicator is meant to go beyond the divorce statistics alone, in order to gain a deeper understanding of the health of marriage within Indiana. Broken marriages and hurting families do not lie solely in the lives of divorced people. The statistics in this indicator will not fully grasp the number of broken marriages in each Indiana county, but it will lead us in the right direction.

Results in this and all indicators are not meant to deride the counties that rank poorly. Rather, this report is meant to be a resource for all Hoosiers in the quest to make families stronger. Hopefully, legislators, community leaders, social workers, pastors, etc. of poorly ranking counties will attempt to find out what they can do to improve their county, perhaps through studying reasons for the successes of other high ranking counties.

Measuring the numbers of divorced or separated individuals within a county is a good indicator of the strength of the family because healthy marriages are vital to strong families. Divorce and separation represents societal marital illness and this marital illness weakens families. Thus, this indicator is vital to a proper understanding of county family health.

## Divorced or Separated

**Percent of population age 15 and over who list marital status as divorced or separated**

| County             | Ranking | Percentage of the Population 15 years and over that are Divorced or Separated | Total Population 15 years and over: Total number divorced or separated | Population 15 years and over: Total |
|--------------------|---------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Adams County       | 5       | 8.80%   | 2,195  | 24,946                              |
| Allen County       | 59      | 12.25%  | 31,215   | 254,824                             |
| Bartholomew County | 57      | 12.20%  | 6,762  | 55,418                              |
| Benton County      | 28      | 10.81%  | 790  | 7,311                               |
| Blackford County   | 73      | 12.81%  | 1,428  | 11,148                              |
| Boone County       | 23      | 10.39%  | 3,659  | 35,232                              |
| Brown County       | 25      | 10.61%  | 1,290  | 12,156                              |
| Carroll County     | 22      | 10.38%  | 1,637  | 15,769                              |
| Cass County        | 69      | 12.56%  | 4,068  | 32,401                              |
| Clark County       | 91      | 14.47%  | 11,146   | 77,038                              |
| Clay County        | 42      | 11.53%  | 2,413  | 20,923                              |
| Clinton County     | 41      | 11.52%  | 3,021  | 26,216                              |
| Crawford County    | 74      | 12.93%  | 1,093  | 8,451                               |
| Daviess County     | 19      | 10.27%  | 2,327  | 22,665                              |
| Dearborn County    | 21      | 10.37%  | 3,697  | 35,640                              |
| Decatur County     | 46      | 11.69%  | 2,240  | 19,165                              |
| DeKalb County      | 49      | 11.78%  | 3,628  | 30,798                              |
| Delaware County    | 48      | 11.70%  | 11,356   | 97,084                              |
| Dubois County      | 6       | 8.88%   | 2,725  | 30,703                              |
| Elkhart County     | 50      | 11.87%  | 16,414   | 138,268                             |
| Fayette County     | 85      | 13.62%  | 2,782  | 20,422                              |
| Floyd County       | 82      | 13.30%  | 7,393  | 55,606                              |
| Fountain County    | 43      | 11.54%  | 1,623  | 14,067                              |
| Franklin County    | 11      | 9.10%   | 1,547  | 16,993                              |
| Fulton County      | 55      | 12.17%  | 1,966  | 16,158                              |
| Gibson County      | 34      | 11.02%  | 2,849  | 25,863                              |
| Grant County       | 61      | 12.28%  | 7,226  | 58,828                              |
| Greene County      | 52      | 11.96%  | 3,158  | 26,410                              |
| Hamilton County    | 2       | 8.66%   | 11,651   | 134,505                             |
| Hancock County     | 9       | 9.05%   | 3,921  | 43,316                              |
| Harrison County    | 31      | 10.97%  | 2,970  | 27,071                              |
| Hendricks County   | 20      | 10.37%  | 8,294  | 79,969                              |
| Henry County       | 53      | 12.09%  | 4,701  | 38,876                              |
| Howard County      | 89      | 14.10%  | 9,440  | 66,949                              |
| Huntington County  | 32      | 10.99%  | 3,284  | 29,877                              |
| Jackson County     | 66      | 12.46%  | 4,050  | 32,496                              |
| Jasper County      | 1       | 8.51%   | 1,982  | 23,280                              |
| Jay County         | 36      | 11.19%  | 1,886  | 16,860                              |
| Jefferson County   | 84      | 13.52%  | 3,423  | 25,311                              |
| Jennings County    | 77      | 13.02%  | 2,751  | 21,126                              |
| Johnson County     | 27      | 10.71%  | 9,537  | 89,056                              |
| Knox County        | 47      | 11.69%  | 3,747  | 32,047                              |
| Kosciusko County   | 29      | 10.84%  | 6,181  | 57,042                              |
| LaGrange County    | 4       | 8.77%   | 2,205  | 25,139                              |
| Lake County        | 62      | 12.30%  | 46,403   | 377,333                             |

|                      |    |        |         |           |
|----------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| LaPorte County       | 86 | 13.81% | 12,143  | 87,918    |
| Lawrence County      | 68 | 12.51% | 4,577   | 36,597    |
| Madison County       | 87 | 13.91% | 14,873  | 106,937   |
| Marion County        | 92 | 15.20% | 102,321 | 673,028   |
| Marshall County      | 18 | 10.25% | 3,564   | 34,758    |
| Martin County        | 71 | 12.56% | 1,035   | 8,239     |
| Miami County         | 75 | 12.97% | 3,681   | 28,381    |
| Monroe County        | 14 | 9.79%  | 10,043  | 102,628   |
| Montgomery County    | 64 | 12.38% | 3,653   | 29,506    |
| Morgan County        | 51 | 11.94% | 6,167   | 51,666    |
| Newton County        | 16 | 10.02% | 1,149   | 11,467    |
| Noble County         | 39 | 11.47% | 4,031   | 35,157    |
| Ohio County          | 3  | 8.68%  | 389     | 4,484     |
| Orange County        | 70 | 12.56% | 1,903   | 15,157    |
| Owen County          | 79 | 13.08% | 2,228   | 17,038    |
| Parke County         | 76 | 13.00% | 1,806   | 13,890    |
| Perry County         | 67 | 12.48% | 1,923   | 15,403    |
| Pike County          | 26 | 10.67% | 1,098   | 10,292    |
| Porter County        | 30 | 10.95% | 12,727  | 116,281   |
| Posey County         | 15 | 9.83%  | 2,061   | 20,966    |
| Pulaski County       | 54 | 12.11% | 1,299   | 10,731    |
| Putnam County        | 80 | 13.16% | 3,818   | 29,002    |
| Randolph County      | 60 | 12.27% | 2,656   | 21,646    |
| Ripley County        | 17 | 10.09% | 2,048   | 20,295    |
| Rush County          | 58 | 12.24% | 1,734   | 14,165    |
| Scott County         | 90 | 14.35% | 2,573   | 17,934    |
| Shelby County        | 65 | 12.46% | 4,224   | 33,899    |
| Spencer County       | 7  | 8.99%  | 1,436   | 15,970    |
| St. Joseph County    | 40 | 11.47% | 23,925  | 208,552   |
| Starke County        | 38 | 11.40% | 2,099   | 18,413    |
| Steuben County       | 81 | 13.17% | 3,444   | 26,147    |
| Sullivan County      | 83 | 13.44% | 2,390   | 17,780    |
| Switzerland County   | 56 | 12.20% | 869     | 7,122     |
| Tippecanoe County    | 10 | 9.08%  | 11,170  | 122,970   |
| Tipton County        | 13 | 9.75%  | 1,286   | 13,186    |
| Union County         | 24 | 10.60% | 607     | 5,725     |
| Vanderburgh County   | 88 | 13.98% | 19,412  | 138,895   |
| Vermillion County    | 44 | 11.62% | 1,568   | 13,490    |
| Vigo County          | 72 | 12.62% | 10,832  | 85,823    |
| Wabash County        | 33 | 11.01% | 3,087   | 28,045    |
| Warren County        | 12 | 9.45%  | 622     | 6,584     |
| Warrick County       | 8  | 9.00%  | 3,677   | 40,871    |
| Washington County    | 63 | 12.31% | 2,615   | 21,235    |
| Wayne County         | 78 | 13.07% | 7,423   | 56,787    |
| Wells County         | 35 | 11.09% | 2,373   | 21,402    |
| White County         | 45 | 11.63% | 2,316   | 19,915    |
| Whitley County       | 37 | 11.25% | 2,690   | 23,907    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 12.19% | 581,639 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of population divorced or separated, 92 equals highest percentage of population divorced or separated

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6)

## Divorces Among Adults 45+

Once again, a Family Health Indicator that speaks to the problem of divorce. The heavy representation of indicators relating to or directly reporting divorce statistics signifies that the Indiana Family Institute recognizes the devastating effects of divorce on families and society. One example of these effects, shown through research, is that divorced men and women are more than twice as likely as their married counterparts to attempt suicide.<sup>1</sup> Divorce can be a matter of life and death.

What is interesting to note is that the divorce rate among all Hoosiers age 15 and above for Indiana is 108.62 while the rate of divorce in this indicator for Indiana is 128.47. Perhaps a larger portion of adults 45 and older have given up on marriage than have their younger counterparts. Further research is needed to study this finding.

However, we do know that most married couples want their marriages to work and certain policies can help them do so. A report by the Institute for Research and Evaluation in Salt Lake City, Utah, found that when a “Community Marriage Policy” was implemented by clergy in 100 U.S. counties, the divorce rate declined almost 18 percent over a seven-year period.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 14.

<sup>2</sup> Keith Peters, *Divorce Rate Can Be Corralled* (Colorado Springs: Focus on the Family, 2004) [article online]; available from <http://www.family.org/cforum/fnif/news/a0031570.cfm>.

## Divorces Among Adults 45+

Divorces obtained per 1000 population

| County             | Rank | Rate   | Total Population<br>45+ that are<br>divorced | Total<br>Population<br>45+ |
|--------------------|------|--------|--|----------------------------|
| Adams County       | 9    | 86.61  | 975  | 11,258                     |
| Allen County       | 84   | 133.88 | 14,619                                       | 109,198                    |
| Bartholomew County | 75   | 128.20 | 3,309  | 25,812                     |
| Benton County      | 10   | 87.30  | 306  | 3,505                      |
| Blackford County   | 52   | 115.55 | 654  | 5,660                      |
| Boone County       | 40   | 109.02 | 1,769  | 16,227                     |
| Brown County       | 30   | 106.41 | 676  | 6,353                      |
| Carroll County     | 13   | 88.60  | 671  | 7,573                      |
| Cass County        | 76   | 128.43 | 1,948  | 15,168                     |
| Clark County       | 91   | 154.40 | 5,386  | 34,883                     |
| Clay County        | 43   | 111.48 | 1,112  | 9,975                      |
| Clinton County     | 51   | 115.41 | 1,387  | 12,018                     |
| Crawford County    | 48   | 114.24 | 462  | 4,044                      |
| Daviess County     | 20   | 98.61  | 1,068  | 10,830                     |
| Dearborn County    | 46   | 112.96 | 1,796  | 15,900                     |
| Decatur County     | 34   | 107.11 | 936  | 8,739                      |
| DeKalb County      | 58   | 117.57 | 1,565  | 13,311                     |
| Delaware County    | 78   | 130.01 | 5,455  | 41,959                     |
| Dubois County      | 16   | 93.04  | 1,291  | 13,876                     |
| Elkhart County     | 66   | 121.20 | 7,041  | 58,096                     |
| Fayette County     | 77   | 129.57 | 1,326  | 10,234                     |
| Floyd County       | 83   | 133.67 | 3,398  | 25,420                     |
| Fountain County    | 7    | 85.55  | 594  | 6,943                      |
| Franklin County    | 1    | 80.12  | 623  | 7,776                      |
| Fulton County      | 28   | 105.66 | 838  | 7,931                      |
| Gibson County      | 27   | 105.28 | 1,322  | 12,557                     |
| Grant County       | 68   | 122.17 | 3,480  | 28,486                     |
| Greene County      | 41   | 109.46 | 1,425  | 13,018                     |
| Hamilton County    | 22   | 100.54 | 5,269  | 52,407                     |
| Hancock County     | 14   | 91.41  | 1,856  | 20,305                     |
| Harrison County    | 18   | 93.48  | 1,129  | 12,078                     |
| Hendricks County   | 32   | 106.78 | 3,632  | 34,014                     |
| Henry County       | 62   | 119.28 | 2,342  | 19,635                     |
| Howard County      | 87   | 142.97 | 4,603  | 32,196                     |
| Huntington County  | 38   | 107.73 | 1,471  | 13,654                     |
| Jackson County     | 25   | 103.50 | 1,513  | 14,618                     |
| Jasper County      | 8    | 86.19  | 900  | 10,442                     |
| Jay County         | 37   | 107.49 | 891  | 8,289                      |
| Jefferson County   | 85   | 138.43 | 1,602  | 11,573                     |
| Jennings County    | 71   | 126.48 | 1,176  | 9,298                      |
| Johnson County     | 36   | 107.46 | 4,121  | 38,348                     |
| Knox County        | 69   | 125.95 | 1,881  | 14,934                     |
| Kosciusko County   | 26   | 104.22 | 2,666  | 25,581                     |
| LaGrange County    | 6    | 85.27  | 886  | 10,390                     |
| Lake County        | 79   | 130.65 | 22,571                                       | 172,759                    |
| LaPorte County     | 88   | 144.79 | 5,926  | 40,929                     |

|                    |    |        |         |           |
|--------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Lawrence County    | 55 | 116.34 | 2,123   | 18,249    |
| Madison County     | 86 | 140.56 | 7,268   | 51,706    |
| Marion County      | 92 | 179.21 | 48,337  | 269,718   |
| Marshall County    | 15 | 92.78  | 1,477   | 15,919    |
| Martin County      | 82 | 133.24 | 550     | 4,128     |
| Miami County       | 35 | 107.40 | 1,402   | 13,054    |
| Monroe County      | 89 | 150.59 | 4,910   | 32,606    |
| Montgomery County  | 63 | 120.08 | 1,648   | 13,724    |
| Morgan County      | 45 | 112.69 | 2,592   | 23,001    |
| Newton County      | 19 | 97.16  | 527     | 5,424     |
| Noble County       | 60 | 118.39 | 1,744   | 14,731    |
| Ohio County        | 2  | 80.35  | 175     | 2,178     |
| Orange County      | 56 | 117.23 | 868     | 7,404     |
| Owen County        | 53 | 115.64 | 941     | 8,137     |
| Parke County       | 59 | 117.59 | 813     | 6,914     |
| Perry County       | 50 | 115.01 | 830     | 7,217     |
| Pike County        | 17 | 93.10  | 480     | 5,156     |
| Porter County      | 54 | 115.96 | 6,046   | 52,140    |
| Posey County       | 23 | 101.11 | 995     | 9,841     |
| Pulaski County     | 33 | 106.90 | 564     | 5,276     |
| Putnam County      | 42 | 109.75 | 1,343   | 12,237    |
| Randolph County    | 29 | 106.12 | 1,151   | 10,846    |
| Ripley County      | 11 | 87.68  | 823     | 9,386     |
| Rush County        | 47 | 113.93 | 768     | 6,741     |
| Scott County       | 81 | 133.19 | 1,047   | 7,861     |
| Shelby County      | 64 | 120.54 | 1,818   | 15,082    |
| Spencer County     | 4  | 83.99  | 635     | 7,560     |
| St. Joseph County  | 74 | 127.16 | 11,638  | 91,523    |
| Starke County      | 57 | 117.40 | 1,033   | 8,799     |
| Steuben County     | 72 | 126.53 | 1,487   | 11,752    |
| Sullivan County    | 67 | 121.20 | 990     | 8,168     |
| Switzerland County | 49 | 114.64 | 386     | 3,367     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 61 | 119.24 | 4,705   | 39,457    |
| Tipton County      | 3  | 81.08  | 533     | 6,574     |
| Union County       | 44 | 111.82 | 300     | 2,683     |
| Vanderburgh County | 90 | 153.35 | 9,827   | 64,084    |
| Vermillion County  | 73 | 127.14 | 869     | 6,835     |
| Vigo County        | 80 | 131.97 | 4,967   | 37,638    |
| Wabash County      | 31 | 106.53 | 1,451   | 13,621    |
| Warren County      | 5  | 84.09  | 279     | 3,318     |
| Warrick County     | 12 | 87.88  | 1,670   | 19,004    |
| Washington County  | 65 | 121.03 | 1,154   | 9,535     |
| Wayne County       | 70 | 126.10 | 3,509   | 27,828    |
| Wells County       | 24 | 101.67 | 1,019   | 10,023    |
| White County       | 39 | 108.79 | 1,061   | 9,753     |
| Whitley County     | 21 | 98.73  | 1,100   | 11,142    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 128.47 | 269,720 | 2,099,540 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest divorce rate, 92 equals highest divorce rate.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6).

## Children Living With Unmarried Parent

This Family Health Indicator of the percentage of children living in single parent households is significant because families, especially children, are more vulnerable when both parents are not present. For example, single mothers have elevated rates of depression and poverty and other stressors that can interfere with warm and effective parent-child relationships.<sup>1</sup> Also, children raised outside of intact marriages are at increased risk of many serious problems, including infant mortality, child abuse, school dropout, poverty, suicide, juvenile delinquency, and substance abuse.<sup>2</sup>

Most, if not all, county leaders probably want what is best for children within their county. Thus, these leaders must work towards reducing the percentage of single parent households in order to protect adults and children from the negative consequences that come from high instances of children living with an unmarried parent. Of course some situations will make it impossible for parents to remain in or choose to start a healthy marriage. However, those couples who wish to strengthen their families through starting or strengthening their marriage should be encouraged. Perhaps this indicator can partly gauge the work that needs to be done in Indiana counties towards this encouragement.

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<sup>1</sup> National Fatherhood Initiative, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Institute for American Values, *Can Government Strengthen Marriage? Evidence from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2004), 16.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

## Children Living With Unmarried Parent

### Non Married-Couple Family with a Child Under 18

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Single Parent Households | Single Parent Households | Total Households |
|--------------------|------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Adams County       | 24   | 7.94%                                  | 938                      | 11,818           |
| Allen County       | 88   | 11.06%                                 | 14,239                   | 128,745          |
| Bartholomew County | 60   | 9.05%                                  | 2,529                    | 27,936           |
| Benton County      | 54   | 8.71%                                  | 310                      | 3,558            |
| Blackford County   | 67   | 9.53%                                  | 542                      | 5,690            |
| Boone County       | 10   | 7.29%                                  | 1,245                    | 17,081           |
| Brown County       | 1    | 6.61%                                  | 390                      | 5,897            |
| Carroll County     | 3    | 6.80%                                  | 525                      | 7,718            |
| Cass County        | 57   | 8.86%                                  | 1,392                    | 15,715           |
| Clark County       | 85   | 10.92%                                 | 4,230                    | 38,751           |
| Clay County        | 48   | 8.60%                                  | 879                      | 10,216           |
| Clinton County     | 65   | 9.23%                                  | 1,158                    | 12,545           |
| Crawford County    | 70   | 9.59%                                  | 401                      | 4,181            |
| Daviess County     | 30   | 8.09%                                  | 881                      | 10,894           |
| Dearborn County    | 63   | 9.15%                                  | 1,540                    | 16,832           |
| Decatur County     | 53   | 8.70%                                  | 817                      | 9,389            |
| DeKalb County      | 61   | 9.08%                                  | 1,374                    | 15,134           |
| Delaware County    | 73   | 9.82%                                  | 4,629                    | 47,131           |
| Dubois County      | 8    | 7.01%                                  | 1,038                    | 14,813           |
| Elkhart County     | 87   | 11.00%                                 | 7,275                    | 66,154           |
| Fayette County     | 75   | 9.90%                                  | 1,010                    | 10,199           |
| Floyd County       | 84   | 10.86%                                 | 2,987                    | 27,511           |
| Fountain County    | 36   | 8.28%                                  | 583                      | 7,041            |
| Franklin County    | 11   | 7.35%                                  | 578                      | 7,868            |
| Fulton County      | 29   | 8.07%                                  | 652                      | 8,082            |
| Gibson County      | 45   | 8.52%                                  | 1,095                    | 12,847           |
| Grant County       | 83   | 10.85%                                 | 3,074                    | 28,319           |
| Greene County      | 32   | 8.17%                                  | 1,092                    | 13,372           |
| Hamilton County    | 4    | 6.83%                                  | 4,505                    | 65,933           |
| Hancock County     | 7    | 6.97%                                  | 1,444                    | 20,718           |
| Harrison County    | 47   | 8.57%                                  | 1,107                    | 12,917           |
| Hendricks County   | 14   | 7.55%                                  | 2,816                    | 37,275           |
| Henry County       | 55   | 8.72%                                  | 1,699                    | 19,486           |
| Howard County      | 80   | 10.55%                                 | 3,673                    | 34,800           |
| Huntington County  | 56   | 8.76%                                  | 1,248                    | 14,242           |
| Jackson County     | 59   | 9.05%                                  | 1,452                    | 16,052           |
| Jasper County      | 16   | 7.58%                                  | 810                      | 10,686           |
| Jay County         | 37   | 8.30%                                  | 698                      | 8,405            |
| Jefferson County   | 74   | 9.89%                                  | 1,202                    | 12,148           |
| Jennings County    | 76   | 10.07%                                 | 1,020                    | 10,134           |
| Johnson County     | 52   | 8.69%                                  | 3,687                    | 42,434           |
| Knox County        | 62   | 9.12%                                  | 1,419                    | 15,552           |
| Kosciusko County   | 51   | 8.65%                                  | 2,359                    | 27,283           |
| LaGrange County    | 5    | 6.87%                                  | 771                      | 11,225           |

|                    |    |        |         |           |
|--------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Lake County        | 92 | 13.56% | 24,631  | 181,633   |
| LaPorte County     | 81 | 10.65% | 4,373   | 41,050    |
| Lawrence County    | 41 | 8.43%  | 1,562   | 18,535    |
| Madison County     | 86 | 10.93% | 5,801   | 53,052    |
| Marion County      | 91 | 13.55% | 47,734  | 352,164   |
| Marshall County    | 38 | 8.34%  | 1,377   | 16,519    |
| Martin County      | 19 | 7.65%  | 320     | 4,183     |
| Miami County       | 71 | 9.70%  | 1,330   | 13,716    |
| Monroe County      | 12 | 7.35%  | 3,448   | 46,898    |
| Montgomery County  | 64 | 9.18%  | 1,340   | 14,595    |
| Morgan County      | 46 | 8.56%  | 2,093   | 24,437    |
| Newton County      | 15 | 7.57%  | 404     | 5,340     |
| Noble County       | 69 | 9.54%  | 1,592   | 16,696    |
| Ohio County        | 44 | 8.50%  | 187     | 2,201     |
| Orange County      | 35 | 8.25%  | 629     | 7,621     |
| Owen County        | 50 | 8.65%  | 716     | 8,282     |
| Parke County       | 26 | 7.98%  | 512     | 6,415     |
| Perry County       | 34 | 8.24%  | 599     | 7,270     |
| Pike County        | 18 | 7.64%  | 391     | 5,119     |
| Porter County      | 33 | 8.22%  | 4,493   | 54,649    |
| Posey County       | 17 | 7.60%  | 776     | 10,205    |
| Pulaski County     | 22 | 7.83%  | 405     | 5,170     |
| Putnam County      | 28 | 8.02%  | 992     | 12,374    |
| Randolph County    | 43 | 8.48%  | 928     | 10,937    |
| Ripley County      | 42 | 8.47%  | 834     | 9,842     |
| Rush County        | 25 | 7.97%  | 552     | 6,923     |
| Scott County       | 89 | 11.06% | 977     | 8,832     |
| Shelby County      | 68 | 9.53%  | 1,578   | 16,561    |
| Spencer County     | 2  | 6.75%  | 511     | 7,569     |
| St. Joseph County  | 90 | 11.27% | 11,356  | 100,743   |
| Starke County      | 72 | 9.81%  | 857     | 8,740     |
| Steuben County     | 66 | 9.41%  | 1,199   | 12,738    |
| Sullivan County    | 40 | 8.36%  | 654     | 7,819     |
| Switzerland County | 78 | 10.33% | 355     | 3,435     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 23 | 7.87%  | 4,344   | 55,226    |
| Tipton County      | 6  | 6.91%  | 447     | 6,469     |
| Union County       | 21 | 7.77%  | 217     | 2,793     |
| Vanderburgh County | 77 | 10.31% | 7,280   | 70,623    |
| Vermillion County  | 27 | 8.00%  | 541     | 6,762     |
| Vigo County        | 82 | 10.71% | 4,391   | 40,998    |
| Wabash County      | 31 | 8.15%  | 1,077   | 13,215    |
| Warren County      | 9  | 7.11%  | 229     | 3,219     |
| Warrick County     | 13 | 7.47%  | 1,452   | 19,438    |
| Washington County  | 58 | 9.03%  | 927     | 10,264    |
| Wayne County       | 79 | 10.54% | 3,001   | 28,469    |
| Wells County       | 20 | 7.71%  | 802     | 10,402    |
| White County       | 49 | 8.62%  | 838     | 9,727     |
| Whitley County     | 39 | 8.36%  | 979     | 11,711    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 10.24% | 239,344 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of children, 92 equals highest percentage of children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

## Unmarried Partner Households

The U.S. Census Bureau defines an “unmarried partner” as: a person who is not related to the householder, who shares living quarters, and who has a close personal relationship with the householder. This is not to be confused with a “housemate or roommate,” who is: a person who is not related to the householder and who shares living quarters primarily to share expenses.<sup>1</sup>

This Family Health Indicator is meant to find the rate of cohabitating couples within Indiana counties. According to a team of family scholars:

Selection effects account for a large portion of the difference between married people and cohabiters. As a group, cohabiters (who are not engaged) have lower incomes and less education. Couples who live together also, on average, report relationships of lower quality than do married couples – with cohabiters reporting more conflict, more violence, and lower levels of satisfaction and commitment. Even biological parents who cohabit have poorer quality relationships and are more likely to part than parents who marry. Cohabitation differs from marriage in part because Americans who choose merely to live together are less committed to a lifelong relationship.<sup>2</sup>

Research shows that cohabitation is not equivalent to marriage. It corresponds that tracking and attempting to decrease the number of cohabitating couples should be one of our goals. Thus, “Unmarried Partner Households” is an important indicator of the institutional strength of the family in Indiana. It is interesting to note that the number one ranking county (Adams, 35.29) had a rate almost half of the rate of the county ranking last (Marion, 68.05).

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *2000 Census: Summary File 1* (Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000) [pdf online]; available from <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 8.

## Unmarried Partner Households

Number of households per 1000 with unmarried partners

| County             | Rank | Rate  | Unmarried-partner Households | Total Households |
|--------------------|------|-------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Adams County       | 1    | 35.29 | 417                          | 11,818           |
| Allen County       | 70   | 54.32 | 6,993                        | 128,745          |
| Bartholomew County | 38   | 47.04 | 1,314                        | 27,936           |
| Benton County      | 35   | 46.09 | 164                          | 3,558            |
| Blackford County   | 48   | 49.38 | 281                          | 5,690            |
| Boone County       | 20   | 43.73 | 747                          | 17,081           |
| Brown County       | 24   | 44.43 | 262                          | 5,897            |
| Carroll County     | 12   | 42.50 | 328                          | 7,718            |
| Cass County        | 43   | 48.87 | 768                          | 15,715           |
| Clark County       | 73   | 54.99 | 2,131                        | 38,751           |
| Clay County        | 29   | 45.32 | 463                          | 10,216           |
| Clinton County     | 60   | 51.89 | 651                          | 12,545           |
| Crawford County    | 89   | 62.66 | 262                          | 4,181            |
| Daviess County     | 11   | 41.40 | 451                          | 10,894           |
| Dearborn County    | 52   | 49.96 | 841                          | 16,832           |
| Decatur County     | 72   | 54.43 | 511                          | 9,389            |
| DeKalb County      | 75   | 55.64 | 842                          | 15,134           |
| Delaware County    | 61   | 52.07 | 2,454                        | 47,131           |
| Dubois County      | 9    | 41.18 | 610                          | 14,813           |
| Elkhart County     | 87   | 60.59 | 4,008                        | 66,154           |
| Fayette County     | 77   | 55.79 | 569                          | 10,199           |
| Floyd County       | 54   | 50.96 | 1,402                        | 27,511           |
| Fountain County    | 36   | 46.44 | 327                          | 7,041            |
| Franklin County    | 13   | 42.58 | 335                          | 7,868            |
| Fulton County      | 49   | 49.62 | 401                          | 8,082            |
| Gibson County      | 21   | 43.75 | 562                          | 12,847           |
| Grant County       | 53   | 50.21 | 1,422                        | 28,319           |
| Greene County      | 37   | 46.52 | 622                          | 13,372           |
| Hamilton County    | 3    | 38.16 | 2,516                        | 65,933           |
| Hancock County     | 2    | 37.94 | 786                          | 20,718           |
| Harrison County    | 46   | 49.31 | 637                          | 12,917           |
| Hendricks County   | 7    | 40.64 | 1,515                        | 37,275           |
| Henry County       | 34   | 45.88 | 894                          | 19,486           |
| Howard County      | 25   | 44.68 | 1,555                        | 34,800           |
| Huntington County  | 27   | 45.22 | 644                          | 14,242           |
| Jackson County     | 55   | 51.02 | 819                          | 16,052           |
| Jasper County      | 19   | 43.61 | 466                          | 10,686           |
| Jay County         | 59   | 51.87 | 436                          | 8,405            |
| Jefferson County   | 81   | 57.54 | 699                          | 12,148           |
| Jennings County    | 83   | 59.40 | 602                          | 10,134           |
| Johnson County     | 31   | 45.48 | 1,930                        | 42,434           |
| Knox County        | 39   | 47.13 | 733                          | 15,552           |
| Kosciusko County   | 66   | 53.73 | 1,466                        | 27,283           |
| LaGrange County    | 6    | 39.73 | 446                          | 11,225           |

|                    |    |       |         |           |
|--------------------|----|-------|---------|-----------|
| Lake County        | 57 | 51.68 | 9,387   | 181,633   |
| LaPorte County     | 84 | 59.66 | 2,449   | 41,050    |
| Lawrence County    | 32 | 45.70 | 847     | 18,535    |
| Madison County     | 76 | 55.74 | 2,957   | 53,052    |
| Marion County      | 92 | 68.05 | 23,965  | 352,164   |
| Marshall County    | 30 | 45.46 | 751     | 16,519    |
| Martin County      | 10 | 41.36 | 173     | 4,183     |
| Miami County       | 44 | 48.99 | 672     | 13,716    |
| Monroe County      | 82 | 57.89 | 2,715   | 46,898    |
| Montgomery County  | 68 | 54.27 | 792     | 14,595    |
| Morgan County      | 51 | 49.92 | 1,220   | 24,437    |
| Newton County      | 58 | 51.87 | 277     | 5,340     |
| Noble County       | 79 | 56.00 | 935     | 16,696    |
| Ohio County        | 40 | 48.16 | 106     | 2,201     |
| Orange County      | 74 | 55.24 | 421     | 7,621     |
| Owen County        | 63 | 52.40 | 434     | 8,282     |
| Parke County       | 16 | 43.02 | 276     | 6,415     |
| Perry County       | 47 | 49.38 | 359     | 7,270     |
| Pike County        | 15 | 42.98 | 220     | 5,119     |
| Porter County      | 56 | 51.62 | 2,821   | 54,649    |
| Posey County       | 18 | 43.31 | 442     | 10,205    |
| Pulaski County     | 28 | 45.26 | 234     | 5,170     |
| Putnam County      | 22 | 43.96 | 544     | 12,374    |
| Randolph County    | 45 | 49.10 | 537     | 10,937    |
| Ripley County      | 33 | 45.72 | 450     | 9,842     |
| Rush County        | 50 | 49.83 | 345     | 6,923     |
| Scott County       | 88 | 60.80 | 537     | 8,832     |
| Shelby County      | 86 | 60.44 | 1,001   | 16,561    |
| Spencer County     | 5  | 39.37 | 298     | 7,569     |
| St. Joseph County  | 67 | 54.14 | 5,454   | 100,743   |
| Starke County      | 78 | 55.95 | 489     | 8,740     |
| Steuben County     | 91 | 67.44 | 859     | 12,738    |
| Sullivan County    | 8  | 41.05 | 321     | 7,819     |
| Switzerland County | 90 | 67.25 | 231     | 3,435     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 65 | 53.07 | 2,931   | 55,226    |
| Tipton County      | 14 | 42.82 | 277     | 6,469     |
| Union County       | 23 | 44.04 | 123     | 2,793     |
| Vanderburgh County | 62 | 52.26 | 3,691   | 70,623    |
| Vermillion County  | 41 | 48.21 | 326     | 6,762     |
| Vigo County        | 85 | 59.78 | 2,451   | 40,998    |
| Wabash County      | 26 | 45.02 | 595     | 13,215    |
| Warren County      | 64 | 52.50 | 169     | 3,219     |
| Warrick County     | 4  | 38.79 | 754     | 19,438    |
| Washington County  | 71 | 54.36 | 558     | 10,264    |
| Wayne County       | 80 | 57.36 | 1,633   | 28,469    |
| Wells County       | 17 | 43.07 | 448     | 10,402    |
| White County       | 69 | 54.28 | 528     | 9,727     |
| Whitley County     | 42 | 48.33 | 566     | 11,711    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 53.44 | 124,851 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest unmarried household rate, 92 equals highest unmarried household rate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## **Births to Unwed Mothers**

This Family Health Indicator is important because births to unwed mothers have serious implications for the mother and the child as well as for the state of marriage and the strength of the family within Indiana. One effect of out-of-wedlock births is that married mothers have lower rates of depression than do single or cohabiting mothers.<sup>1</sup> Although this indicator is similar in its measurement to the “Children Living with Unmarried Parent” indicator, including both of these indicators adds to the depth of the research.

In 2000, Indiana was ranked fourteenth in the nation for the highest percentage of out-of-wedlock births (34.7%).<sup>2</sup> In 2001, that percentage rose to 35.6. This pattern of increasing out-of-wedlock births needs to be reversed if county leaders are serious about strengthening families. A shocking statistic can be found in Marion County where 47.6 percent of all births are to unwed mothers.

Education on abstinence from sex until marriage, relationship skills and the importance of marriage seem as if they would be vital to reversing this disturbing trend. However, more research should be done to find the effects of such messages on different sections of the population in Indiana.

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<sup>1</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 15.

<sup>2</sup> Family Research Council, *The Family Portrait*, ed. Bridget Maher (Washington, DC: Family Research Council, 2002), 74.

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Percentage of all births which are to unwed mothers

| County      | Rank | Percentage of Births to Unmarried Parents | Total Births |
|-------------|------|---|--------------|
| Adams       | 6    | 20.1%                                     | 581          |
| Allen       | 68   | 35.7%                                     | 5,371        |
| Bartholomew | 45   | 31.9%                                     | 999          |
| Benton      | 17   | 25.2%                                     | 107          |
| Blackford   | 69   | 35.8%                                     | 179          |
| Boone       | 4    | 17.5%                                     | 624          |
| Brown       | 21   | 25.9%                                     | 158          |
| Carroll     | 8    | 22.2%                                     | 216          |
| Cass        | 77   | 37.8%                                     | 574          |
| Clark       | 64   | 34.9%                                     | 1,311        |
| Clay        | 58   | 33.5%                                     | 349          |
| Clinton     | 61   | 34.2%                                     | 521          |
| Crawford    | 40   | 30.4%                                     | 135          |
| Daviess     | 14   | 24.3%                                     | 470          |
| Dearborn    | 75   | 37.6%                                     | 527          |
| Decatur     | 34   | 29.0%                                     | 379          |
| DeKalb      | 50   | 32.3%                                     | 616          |
| Delaware    | 80   | 40.0%                                     | 1,371        |
| Dubois      | 20   | 25.8%                                     | 515          |
| Elkhart     | 67   | 35.4%                                     | 3,125        |
| Fayette     | 78   | 38.1%                                     | 302          |
| Floyd       | 57   | 33.3%                                     | 852          |
| Fountain    | 60   | 34.0%                                     | 238          |
| Franklin    | 41   | 30.6%                                     | 232          |
| Fulton      | 54   | 32.9%                                     | 252          |
| Gibson      | 48   | 32.2%                                     | 419          |
| Grant       | 90   | 44.9%                                     | 822          |
| Greene      | 32   | 28.9%                                     | 394          |
| Hamilton    | 1    | 10.1%                                     | 3,242        |
| Hancock     | 11   | 23.9%                                     | 725          |
| Harrison    | 25   | 27.1%                                     | 457          |
| Hendricks   | 5    | 18.0%                                     | 1,541        |
| Henry       | 49   | 32.2%                                     | 590          |
| Howard      | 72   | 36.9%                                     | 1,218        |
| Huntington  | 43   | 31.5%                                     | 438          |
| Jackson     | 35   | 30.1%                                     | 638          |
| Jasper      | 28   | 27.8%                                     | 353          |
| Jay         | 15   | 24.3%                                     | 305          |
| Jefferson   | 62   | 34.5%                                     | 383          |
| Jennings    | 51   | 32.3%                                     | 400          |
| Johnson     | 7    | 21.8%                                     | 1,649        |
| Knox        | 81   | 40.0%                                     | 453          |
| Kosciusko   | 47   | 32.0%                                     | 1,133        |
| LaGrange    | 2    | 11.6%                                     | 697          |
| Lake        | 91   | 47.3%                                     | 6,936        |
| LaPorte     | 88   | 42.4%                                     | 1,401        |
| Lawrence    | 59   | 33.6%                                     | 565          |

|                |    |              |               |
|----------------|----|--------------|---------------|
| Madison        | 82 | 40.1%        | 1,710         |
| Marion         | 92 | 47.6%        | 14,373        |
| Marshall       | 30 | 28.1%        | 720           |
| Martin         | 13 | 24.0%        | 125           |
| Miami          | 76 | 37.6%        | 479           |
| Monroe         | 22 | 25.9%        | 1,280         |
| Montgomery     | 71 | 36.8%        | 505           |
| Morgan         | 36 | 30.1%        | 847           |
| Newton         | 52 | 32.5%        | 163           |
| Noble          | 65 | 35.0%        | 717           |
| Ohio           | 46 | 31.9%        | 69            |
| Orange         | 38 | 30.3%        | 274           |
| Owen           | 44 | 31.7%        | 262           |
| Parke          | 55 | 32.9%        | 164           |
| Perry          | 70 | 36.3%        | 223           |
| Pike           | 18 | 25.5%        | 157           |
| Porter         | 24 | 26.8%        | 1,846         |
| Posey          | 23 | 26.0%        | 269           |
| Pulaski        | 29 | 27.8%        | 144           |
| Putnam         | 53 | 32.8%        | 405           |
| Randolph       | 42 | 31.2%        | 337           |
| Ripley         | 10 | 23.1%        | 381           |
| Rush           | 37 | 30.1%        | 259           |
| Scott          | 73 | 37.0%        | 303           |
| Shelby         | 56 | 33.2%        | 597           |
| Spencer        | 12 | 23.9%        | 259           |
| St. Joseph     | 83 | 40.1%        | 3,856         |
| Starke         | 84 | 40.3%        | 325           |
| Steuben        | 74 | 37.5%        | 464           |
| Sullivan       | 26 | 27.2%        | 265           |
| Switzerland    | 66 | 35.3%        | 102           |
| Tippecanoe     | 31 | 28.4%        | 1,917         |
| Tipton         | 3  | 17.0%        | 188           |
| Union          | 39 | 30.3%        | 66            |
| Vanderburgh    | 87 | 41.3%        | 2,292         |
| Vermillion     | 63 | 34.6%        | 191           |
| Vigo           | 86 | 41.1%        | 1,275         |
| Wabash         | 79 | 38.9%        | 391           |
| Warren         | 9  | 22.3%        | 94            |
| Warrick        | 16 | 24.6%        | 676           |
| Washington     | 33 | 28.9%        | 363           |
| Wayne          | 89 | 42.8%        | 894           |
| Wells          | 27 | 27.7%        | 321           |
| White          | 85 | 40.9%        | 386           |
| Whitley        | 19 | 25.6%        | 425           |
| <b>Indiana</b> |    | <b>35.6%</b> | <b>86,122</b> |

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team, March, 2003.

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of births to unmarried parents, 92 equals highest percentage of births to unmarried parents

## Stepchildren

The percentage of stepchildren in family households is an important indicator for finding the overall state of Indiana families. Marriage is a social good and worthy of support, but all marriages are not equal. For example, marriages that are unhappy do not have the same benefits as the average marriage.<sup>1</sup> Divorce is often a remedy for both adults and children in violent marriages. Many times remarriage leads to a fruitful and healthy family environment. However, the best situation for both parents and children is for parents to cultivate a strong, healthy marriage.

Because the best situation for children is to be raised by their own two married parents, counties that had a high percentage of stepchildren in family households were ranked at the bottom of this Family Health Indicator. Although this Indicator is important to the overall measurement of the overall family health of Indiana counties, the context of this Indicator in the big picture should be remembered.

Some counties, such as Marion County, ranked near the bottom of many other Family Health Indicators but ranked higher in this Indicator. The reason for this occurrence is not entirely known. However, it should be noted that Marion County ranked last in “Never Married Adults 30+,” “Births to Unwed Mothers, 2001,” “Unmarried Partner Households,” and “Married-Couple Households.” Further research is needed, but perhaps these inconsistent counties have large numbers of situations in which the parents of children never marry and either cohabitate, move on to a new partner, or habitually switch partners. This would help to explain why Marion County has a small percentage of stepchildren (ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of 92) but has a high percentage of adults who have never married, a high percentage of out-of-wedlock births, a high

percentage of unmarried partner households and a low percentage of married-couple households.

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<sup>1</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 5.

## Stepchildren

Percent of all children who are stepchildren in family households

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Stepchildren in Family Households | Stepchildren in Family Households | Total Children in Family Households |
|--------------------|------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adams County       | 3    | 4.67%   | 583                               | 12,476                              |
| Allen County       | 11   | 5.70%   | 5,991                             | 105,046                             |
| Bartholomew County | 15   | 6.06%   | 1,296                             | 21,383                              |
| Benton County      | 40   | 7.41%   | 214                               | 2,888                               |
| Blackford County   | 81   | 9.44%   | 387                               | 4,099                               |
| Boone County       | 19   | 6.32%   | 926                               | 14,645                              |
| Brown County       | 92   | 12.27%  | 500                               | 4,076                               |
| Carroll County     | 47   | 7.70%   | 468                               | 6,076                               |
| Cass County        | 53   | 8.04%   | 961                               | 11,960                              |
| Clark County       | 22   | 6.58%   | 1,821                             | 27,669                              |
| Clay County        | 60   | 8.48%   | 676                               | 7,975                               |
| Clinton County     | 45   | 7.56%   | 790                               | 10,443                              |
| Crawford County    | 71   | 8.93%   | 281                               | 3,146                               |
| Daviess County     | 18   | 6.24%   | 623                               | 9,982                               |
| Dearborn County    | 54   | 8.05%   | 1,225                             | 15,223                              |
| Decatur County     | 44   | 7.54%   | 566                               | 7,502                               |
| DeKalb County      | 77   | 9.21%   | 1,182                             | 12,839                              |
| Delaware County    | 43   | 7.50%   | 2,251                             | 30,019                              |
| Dubois County      | 8    | 5.40%   | 712                               | 13,176                              |
| Elkhart County     | 21   | 6.55%   | 3,816                             | 58,249                              |
| Fayette County     | 87   | 10.00%  | 708                               | 7,081                               |
| Floyd County       | 34   | 7.21%   | 1,590                             | 22,052                              |
| Fountain County    | 51   | 8.00%   | 423                               | 5,290                               |
| Franklin County    | 35   | 7.26%   | 534                               | 7,354                               |
| Fulton County      | 52   | 8.00%   | 473                               | 5,912                               |
| Gibson County      | 12   | 5.93%   | 576                               | 9,709                               |
| Grant County       | 65   | 8.78%   | 1,710                             | 19,467                              |
| Greene County      | 89   | 10.22%  | 966                               | 9,451                               |
| Hamilton County    | 2    | 4.38%   | 2,726                             | 62,247                              |
| Hancock County     | 59   | 8.36%   | 1,424                             | 17,026                              |
| Harrison County    | 31   | 7.12%   | 747                               | 10,494                              |
| Hendricks County   | 28   | 6.78%   | 2,223                             | 32,801                              |
| Henry County       | 56   | 8.08%   | 1,094                             | 13,540                              |
| Howard County      | 38   | 7.38%   | 1,840                             | 24,925                              |
| Huntington County  | 55   | 8.06%   | 920                               | 11,416                              |
| Jackson County     | 48   | 7.74%   | 930                               | 12,012                              |
| Jasper County      | 29   | 7.05%   | 671                               | 9,514                               |
| Jay County         | 64   | 8.61%   | 582                               | 6,760                               |
| Jefferson County   | 49   | 7.86%   | 690                               | 8,780                               |
| Jennings County    | 88   | 10.06%  | 845                               | 8,400                               |
| Johnson County     | 27   | 6.75%   | 2,385                             | 35,354                              |
| Knox County        | 72   | 8.97%   | 937                               | 10,441                              |
| Kosciusko County   | 37   | 7.34%   | 1,706                             | 23,231                              |
| LaGrange County    | 1    | 3.77%   | 520                               | 13,809                              |
| Lake County        | 5    | 5.10%   | 8,109                             | 159,135                             |
| LaPorte County     | 24   | 6.61%   | 2,069                             | 31,296                              |

|                    |    |        |         |           |
|--------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Lawrence County    | 91 | 12.20% | 1,556   | 12,759    |
| Madison County     | 76 | 9.20%  | 3,412   | 37,106    |
| Marion County      | 16 | 6.10%  | 15,038  | 246,646   |
| Marshall County    | 41 | 7.47%  | 1,088   | 14,564    |
| Martin County      | 14 | 6.00%  | 187     | 3,118     |
| Miami County       | 70 | 8.92%  | 971     | 10,882    |
| Monroe County      | 10 | 5.70%  | 1,366   | 23,981    |
| Montgomery County  | 78 | 9.24%  | 996     | 10,780    |
| Morgan County      | 80 | 9.41%  | 1,950   | 20,721    |
| Newton County      | 66 | 8.84%  | 397     | 4,489     |
| Noble County       | 58 | 8.18%  | 1,242   | 15,185    |
| Ohio County        | 86 | 9.97%  | 166     | 1,665     |
| Orange County      | 57 | 8.12%  | 468     | 5,762     |
| Owen County        | 84 | 9.80%  | 637     | 6,497     |
| Parke County       | 62 | 8.55%  | 410     | 4,795     |
| Perry County       | 30 | 7.10%  | 371     | 5,224     |
| Pike County        | 63 | 8.55%  | 319     | 3,729     |
| Porter County      | 23 | 6.59%  | 2,985   | 45,300    |
| Posey County       | 33 | 7.15%  | 625     | 8,745     |
| Pulaski County     | 17 | 6.10%  | 264     | 4,328     |
| Putnam County      | 85 | 9.87%  | 934     | 9,461     |
| Randolph County    | 61 | 8.55%  | 676     | 7,907     |
| Ripley County      | 39 | 7.38%  | 639     | 8,654     |
| Rush County        | 69 | 8.90%  | 491     | 5,515     |
| Scott County       | 90 | 11.72% | 828     | 7,063     |
| Shelby County      | 32 | 7.14%  | 941     | 13,178    |
| Spencer County     | 13 | 5.98%  | 395     | 6,603     |
| St. Joseph County  | 4  | 5.08%  | 3,936   | 77,412    |
| Starke County      | 25 | 6.68%  | 497     | 7,442     |
| Steuben County     | 67 | 8.87%  | 854     | 9,630     |
| Sullivan County    | 68 | 8.88%  | 526     | 5,922     |
| Switzerland County | 82 | 9.47%  | 264     | 2,788     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 6  | 5.23%  | 1,836   | 35,076    |
| Tipton County      | 20 | 6.52%  | 313     | 4,797     |
| Union County       | 9  | 5.44%  | 123     | 2,263     |
| Vanderburgh County | 26 | 6.73%  | 3,147   | 46,737    |
| Vermillion County  | 83 | 9.79%  | 478     | 4,881     |
| Vigo County        | 42 | 7.49%  | 2,060   | 27,521    |
| Wabash County      | 36 | 7.26%  | 710     | 9,776     |
| Warren County      | 50 | 7.99%  | 198     | 2,478     |
| Warrick County     | 46 | 7.65%  | 1,259   | 16,462    |
| Washington County  | 74 | 9.08%  | 769     | 8,469     |
| Wayne County       | 79 | 9.38%  | 1,870   | 19,933    |
| Wells County       | 75 | 9.12%  | 810     | 8,877     |
| White County       | 73 | 9.01%  | 659     | 7,316     |
| Whitley County     | 7  | 5.24%  | 504     | 9,623     |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 6.79%  | 122,832 | 1,808,429 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of step-children, 92 equals highest percentage of step-children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6).

## Never Married Adults 30+

Highlighting an adult section of the population who has never been married is important to the composition of this report. At first blush counting a high percentage of never married adults 30+ as weakening the family is curious. However, upon deeper reflection, one finds that a statistic showing a low percentage of never married adults indicates healthy family life in general. Married men and women have lower rates of alcohol abuse than do singles. Married people live longer than do otherwise similar people who are single or divorced. Furthermore, both married men and women enjoy better health on average than do single or divorced individuals.<sup>1</sup>

This does not mean that all single adults should rush out and marry the first person they bump into. However, it does signal that healthy marriages benefit married couples, their families, and the community. This indicator does not intend to put single adults in a negative light. It is a tool for deepening the research on cohabitating couples and other single adults who may be sexually active. In that respect it is a vital section of the report.

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<sup>1</sup> Center of the American Experiment, Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, Institute for American Values, *Why Marriage Matters. Twenty-One Conclusions from the Social Sciences* (New York: Institute for American Values, 2002), 12-13.

## Never Married Adults 30+

### Percentage of Adults 30+ that have never married

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Never Married Adults 30+ | Total Number of Never Married Adults 30+ | Total Number of Adults 30+ |
|--------------------|------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Adams County       | 65   | 6.65%                                  | 1,200                                    | 18,041                     |
| Allen County       | 88   | 10.19%                                 | 18,869                                   | 185,174                    |
| Bartholomew County | 36   | 5.64%                                  | 2,376                                    | 42,148                     |
| Benton County      | 20   | 5.23%                                  | 292                                      | 5,586                      |
| Blackford County   | 28   | 5.35%                                  | 462                                      | 8,637                      |
| Boone County       | 29   | 5.37%                                  | 1,484                                    | 27,640                     |
| Brown County       | 30   | 5.38%                                  | 525                                      | 9,764                      |
| Carroll County     | 8    | 4.73%                                  | 573                                      | 12,111                     |
| Cass County        | 71   | 6.96%                                  | 1,678                                    | 24,106                     |
| Clark County       | 81   | 7.94%                                  | 4,569                                    | 57,527                     |
| Clay County        | 34   | 5.55%                                  | 876                                      | 15,796                     |
| Clinton County     | 35   | 5.59%                                  | 1,087                                    | 19,444                     |
| Crawford County    | 56   | 6.26%                                  | 402                                      | 6,422                      |
| Daviess County     | 27   | 5.34%                                  | 900                                      | 16,867                     |
| Dearborn County    | 62   | 6.42%                                  | 1,747                                    | 27,220                     |
| Decatur County     | 37   | 5.70%                                  | 813                                      | 14,270                     |
| DeKalb County      | 31   | 5.38%                                  | 1,227                                    | 22,799                     |
| Delaware County    | 80   | 7.87%                                  | 5,103                                    | 64,863                     |
| Dubois County      | 76   | 7.24%                                  | 1,691                                    | 23,366                     |
| Elkhart County     | 79   | 7.78%                                  | 7,733                                    | 99,399                     |
| Fayette County     | 74   | 7.20%                                  | 1,115                                    | 15,493                     |
| Floyd County       | 70   | 6.88%                                  | 2,902                                    | 42,167                     |
| Fountain County    | 41   | 5.86%                                  | 639                                      | 10,906                     |
| Franklin County    | 75   | 7.20%                                  | 929                                      | 12,907                     |
| Fulton County      | 7    | 4.72%                                  | 584                                      | 12,381                     |
| Gibson County      | 24   | 5.32%                                  | 1,054                                    | 19,801                     |
| Grant County       | 73   | 7.05%                                  | 3,053                                    | 43,300                     |
| Greene County      | 6    | 4.67%                                  | 954                                      | 20,422                     |
| Hamilton County    | 18   | 5.18%                                  | 5,398                                    | 104,235                    |
| Hancock County     | 17   | 5.14%                                  | 1,741                                    | 33,902                     |
| Harrison County    | 48   | 6.06%                                  | 1,237                                    | 20,422                     |
| Hendricks County   | 21   | 5.26%                                  | 3,219                                    | 61,189                     |
| Henry County       | 12   | 4.93%                                  | 1,491                                    | 30,233                     |
| Howard County      | 72   | 7.02%                                  | 3,550                                    | 50,572                     |
| Huntington County  | 46   | 5.98%                                  | 1,323                                    | 22,132                     |
| Jackson County     | 26   | 5.34%                                  | 1,293                                    | 24,233                     |
| Jasper County      | 32   | 5.41%                                  | 918                                      | 16,968                     |
| Jay County         | 66   | 6.65%                                  | 857                                      | 12,883                     |
| Jefferson County   | 68   | 6.83%                                  | 1,278                                    | 18,701                     |
| Jennings County    | 3    | 4.53%                                  | 713                                      | 15,736                     |
| Johnson County     | 38   | 5.71%                                  | 3,779                                    | 66,183                     |
| Knox County        | 55   | 6.23%                                  | 1,418                                    | 22,774                     |
| Kosciusko County   | 43   | 5.88%                                  | 2,478                                    | 42,112                     |
| LaGrange County    | 40   | 5.77%                                  | 994                                      | 17,223                     |

|                    |    |        |         |           |
|--------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Lake County        | 91 | 12.63% | 35,278  | 279,427   |
| LaPorte County     | 83 | 8.61%  | 5,716   | 66,392    |
| Lawrence County    | 51 | 6.12%  | 1,731   | 28,287    |
| Madison County     | 69 | 6.85%  | 5,532   | 80,790    |
| Marion County      | 92 | 15.00% | 72,043  | 480,168   |
| Marshall County    | 64 | 6.60%  | 1,709   | 25,878    |
| Martin County      | 50 | 6.10%  | 388     | 6,358     |
| Miami County       | 77 | 7.29%  | 1,563   | 21,434    |
| Monroe County      | 90 | 12.02% | 6,704   | 55,796    |
| Montgomery County  | 4  | 4.63%  | 1,026   | 22,168    |
| Morgan County      | 14 | 4.99%  | 1,968   | 39,451    |
| Newton County      | 44 | 5.94%  | 518     | 8,726     |
| Noble County       | 60 | 6.41%  | 1,625   | 25,336    |
| Ohio County        | 49 | 6.07%  | 211     | 3,478     |
| Orange County      | 33 | 5.44%  | 634     | 11,651    |
| Owen County        | 45 | 5.96%  | 791     | 13,270    |
| Parke County       | 61 | 6.42%  | 698     | 10,876    |
| Perry County       | 78 | 7.43%  | 860     | 11,573    |
| Pike County        | 59 | 6.40%  | 514     | 8,031     |
| Porter County      | 58 | 6.32%  | 5,420   | 85,791    |
| Posey County       | 16 | 5.04%  | 822     | 16,299    |
| Pulaski County     | 54 | 6.17%  | 510     | 8,271     |
| Putnam County      | 1  | 4.31%  | 888     | 20,609    |
| Randolph County    | 19 | 5.23%  | 873     | 16,701    |
| Ripley County      | 67 | 6.83%  | 1,054   | 15,435    |
| Rush County        | 9  | 4.74%  | 516     | 10,897    |
| Scott County       | 11 | 4.89%  | 648     | 13,248    |
| Shelby County      | 42 | 5.88%  | 1,503   | 25,578    |
| Spencer County     | 47 | 6.00%  | 738     | 12,294    |
| St. Joseph County  | 89 | 10.93% | 16,231  | 148,469   |
| Starke County      | 57 | 6.29%  | 876     | 13,933    |
| Steuben County     | 63 | 6.60%  | 1,263   | 19,145    |
| Sullivan County    | 84 | 8.63%  | 1,142   | 13,239    |
| Switzerland County | 53 | 6.15%  | 330     | 5,367     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 87 | 9.63%  | 6,545   | 67,957    |
| Tipton County      | 13 | 4.96%  | 509     | 10,255    |
| Union County       | 2  | 4.34%  | 189     | 4,357     |
| Vanderburgh County | 86 | 9.29%  | 9,412   | 101,348   |
| Vermillion County  | 39 | 5.73%  | 598     | 10,431    |
| Vigo County        | 85 | 8.70%  | 5,180   | 59,511    |
| Wabash County      | 52 | 6.15%  | 1,277   | 20,772    |
| Warren County      | 5  | 4.65%  | 243     | 5,224     |
| Warrick County     | 10 | 4.84%  | 1,532   | 31,626    |
| Washington County  | 22 | 5.27%  | 836     | 15,851    |
| Wayne County       | 82 | 8.51%  | 3,659   | 42,983    |
| Wells County       | 25 | 5.33%  | 867     | 16,253    |
| White County       | 15 | 5.01%  | 760     | 15,172    |
| Whitley County     | 23 | 5.29%  | 962     | 18,172    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 8.66%  | 301,416 | 3,482,333 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of adults, 92 equalst highest percentage of adults

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample Data (1 in 6) for "Total Number of Never Married Adults 30+"

## **Marriage Rate**

Whereas all of the previous Family Health Indicators have been negative, “Marriage Rate” and “Marriage-Couple Households” are positive Indicators. In other words, the previous Indicators have ranked the number one county as the county that had the lowest percentage or rate. “Marriage Rate” and “Married-Couple Households” rank the number one county as the county that had the highest percentage or rate.

Although divorce statistics are difficult to rely on due to that fact that Indiana does not keep track of divorces in a given year (only 1 of 4 states in the country), it is alarming to see that the divorce rate (those who told the 2000 U.S. Census that they were currently divorced per 1000) in Indiana is 108.62 while the marriage rate (those who married in the year 2000 per 1000) is 9.97. Because the institution of marriage matters to the health of the family and society, it is important that Hoosiers continue to choose marriage. Thus, the marriage rate is a needed statistic when attempting to judge the health of the family in Indiana counties.

## Marriage Rate

Rates are number of people newly married per 1000 population 15+

| County             | Rank | Rate  | Number of Marriages(2000) | Total Population 15 years and older |
|--------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adams County       | 46   | 10.06 | 251                       | 24,946                              |
| Allen County       | 25   | 10.83 | 2,760                     | 254,824                             |
| Bartholomew County | 19   | 11.58 | 642                       | 55,418                              |
| Benton County      | 12   | 12.17 | 89                        | 7,311                               |
| Blackford County   | 44   | 10.14 | 113                       | 11,148                              |
| Boone County       | 71   | 8.94  | 315                       | 35,232                              |
| Brown County       | 5    | 13.16 | 160                       | 12,156                              |
| Carroll County     | 66   | 9.20  | 145                       | 15,769                              |
| Cass County        | 30   | 10.77 | 349                       | 32,401                              |
| Clark County       | 28   | 10.80 | 832                       | 77,038                              |
| Clay County        | 32   | 10.75 | 225                       | 20,923                              |
| Clinton County     | 59   | 9.50  | 249                       | 26,216                              |
| Crawford County    | 35   | 10.53 | 89                        | 8,451                               |
| Daviess County     | 78   | 8.38  | 190                       | 22,665                              |
| Dearborn County    | 86   | 7.86  | 280                       | 35,640                              |
| Decatur County     | 6    | 13.15 | 252                       | 19,165                              |
| DeKalb County      | 18   | 11.62 | 358                       | 30,798                              |
| Delaware County    | 61   | 9.39  | 912                       | 97,084                              |
| Dubois County      | 77   | 8.50  | 261                       | 30,703                              |
| Elkhart County     | 15   | 11.89 | 1,644                     | 138,268                             |
| Fayette County     | 42   | 10.19 | 208                       | 20,422                              |
| Floyd County       | 74   | 8.79  | 489                       | 55,606                              |
| Fountain County    | 72   | 8.89  | 125                       | 14,067                              |
| Franklin County    | 84   | 8.12  | 138                       | 16,993                              |
| Fulton County      | 31   | 10.77 | 174                       | 16,158                              |
| Gibson County      | 68   | 9.16  | 237                       | 25,863                              |
| Grant County       | 53   | 9.67  | 569                       | 58,828                              |
| Greene County      | 50   | 9.77  | 258                       | 26,410                              |
| Hamilton County    | 91   | 7.20  | 969                       | 134,505                             |
| Hancock County     | 57   | 9.56  | 414                       | 43,316                              |
| Harrison County    | 69   | 9.16  | 248                       | 27,071                              |
| Hendricks County   | 63   | 9.30  | 744                       | 79,969                              |
| Henry County       | 67   | 9.18  | 357                       | 38,876                              |
| Howard County      | 11   | 12.20 | 817                       | 66,949                              |
| Huntington County  | 13   | 12.08 | 361                       | 29,877                              |
| Jackson County     | 10   | 12.25 | 398                       | 32,496                              |
| Jasper County      | 36   | 10.44 | 243                       | 23,280                              |
| Jay County         | 17   | 11.63 | 196                       | 16,860                              |
| Jefferson County   | 73   | 8.81  | 223                       | 25,311                              |
| Jennings County    | 8    | 12.83 | 271                       | 21,126                              |
| Johnson County     | 51   | 9.68  | 862                       | 89,056                              |
| Knox County        | 85   | 7.99  | 256                       | 32,047                              |
| Kosciusko County   | 27   | 10.82 | 617                       | 57,042                              |
| LaGrange County    | 7    | 13.01 | 327                       | 25,139                              |

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|----------------------|----|-------|--------|-----------|
| Lake County          | 79 | 8.37  | 3,160  | 377,333   |
| LaPorte County       | 47 | 10.04 | 883    | 87,918    |
| Lawrence County      | 16 | 11.89 | 435    | 36,597    |
| Madison County       | 56 | 9.58  | 1,024  | 106,937   |
| Marion County        | 29 | 10.80 | 7,266  | 673,028   |
| Marshall County      | 22 | 11.16 | 388    | 34,758    |
| Martin County        | 60 | 9.47  | 78     | 8,239     |
| Miami County         | 21 | 11.28 | 320    | 28,381    |
| Monroe County        | 80 | 8.34  | 856    | 102,628   |
| Montgomery County    | 23 | 11.12 | 328    | 29,506    |
| Morgan County        | 49 | 9.89  | 511    | 51,666    |
| Newton County        | 81 | 8.28  | 95     | 11,467    |
| Noble County         | 20 | 11.35 | 399    | 35,157    |
| Ohio County          | 55 | 9.59  | 43     | 4,484     |
| Orange County        | 3  | 14.51 | 220    | 15,157    |
| Owen County          | 43 | 10.15 | 173    | 17,038    |
| Parke County         | 83 | 8.21  | 114    | 13,890    |
| Perry County         | 40 | 10.26 | 158    | 15,403    |
| Pike County          | 87 | 7.68  | 79     | 10,292    |
| Porter County        | 75 | 8.75  | 1,018  | 116,281   |
| Posey County         | 90 | 7.39  | 155    | 20,966    |
| Pulaski County       | 48 | 9.97  | 107    | 10,731    |
| Putnam County        | 54 | 9.62  | 279    | 29,002    |
| Randolph County      | 62 | 9.38  | 203    | 21,646    |
| Ripley County        | 14 | 11.97 | 243    | 20,295    |
| Rush County          | 34 | 10.59 | 150    | 14,165    |
| Scott County         | 2  | 15.45 | 277    | 17,934    |
| Shelby County        | 24 | 10.86 | 368    | 33,899    |
| Spencer County       | 92 | 7.01  | 112    | 15,970    |
| St. Joseph County    | 41 | 10.21 | 2,129  | 208,552   |
| Starke County        | 9  | 12.55 | 231    | 18,413    |
| Steuben County       | 1  | 16.02 | 419    | 26,147    |
| Sullivan County      | 52 | 9.67  | 172    | 17,780    |
| Switzerland County   | 89 | 7.44  | 53     | 7,122     |
| Tippecanoe County    | 70 | 9.12  | 1,122  | 122,970   |
| Tipton County        | 76 | 8.57  | 113    | 13,186    |
| Union County         | 26 | 10.83 | 62     | 5,725     |
| Vanderburgh County   | 88 | 7.67  | 1,066  | 138,895   |
| Vermillion County    | 39 | 10.30 | 139    | 13,490    |
| Vigo County          | 58 | 9.52  | 817    | 85,823    |
| Wabash County        | 64 | 9.27  | 260    | 28,045    |
| Warren County        | 65 | 9.26  | 61     | 6,584     |
| Warrick County       | 82 | 8.22  | 336    | 40,871    |
| Washington County    | 38 | 10.31 | 219    | 21,235    |
| Wayne County         | 37 | 10.41 | 591    | 56,787    |
| Wells County         | 45 | 10.09 | 216    | 21,402    |
| White County         | 4  | 13.31 | 265    | 19,915    |
| Whitley County       | 33 | 10.75 | 257    | 23,907    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 9.97  | 47,587 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals highest marriage rate, 92 equals lowest marriage rate.

Sources: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team;  
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Married-Couple Households

As was mentioned previously, “Married-Couple Households” is a positive Indicator. The number one ranked county had the highest percentage of married couple households and the county ranked 92 had the lowest percentage of married couple households. Whereas the county marriage rate gave a glimpse into the yearly number of marriages per county per 1000 population, the percentage of married-couple family households paints a broader picture of the state of marriage in Indiana.

The U.S. Census Bureau defines a married-couple family as: a family in which the householder and his or her spouse are enumerated as members of the same household.<sup>1</sup> The report would not be complete without finding the percentage of married-couple family households in Indiana counties. The goal of this report is to help county leaders and officials become aware of the state of the family in their respective counties. In order to properly encourage marriage these leaders must find out if the statistics point to a strong percentage of married-couple family households or a weak representation. Weak marriage findings should move leaders to examine their goals and methods in order to best strengthen families throughout Indiana.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *2000 Census: Summary File 1* (Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000) [pdf online]; available from <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf>.

## Married-Couple Households

| County             | Ranking | % of Married-Couple Family Households | Total Married-Couple Families | Total Households |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Adams County       | 23      | 62.2356%                              | 7,355                         | 11,818           |
| Allen County       | 84      | 51.7713%                              | 66,653                        | 128,745          |
| Bartholomew County | 53      | 59.0743%                              | 16,503                        | 27,936           |
| Benton County      | 35      | 61.0455%                              | 2,172                         | 3,558            |
| Blackford County   | 66      | 58.2953%                              | 3,317                         | 5,690            |
| Boone County       | 15      | 63.8897%                              | 10,913                        | 17,081           |
| Brown County       | 11      | 64.7787%                              | 3,820                         | 5,897            |
| Carroll County     | 16      | 63.6693%                              | 4,914                         | 7,718            |
| Cass County        | 72      | 56.7101%                              | 8,912                         | 15,715           |
| Clark County       | 82      | 52.6386%                              | 20,398                        | 38,751           |
| Clay County        | 41      | 60.0431%                              | 6,134                         | 10,216           |
| Clinton County     | 68      | 58.0231%                              | 7,279                         | 12,545           |
| Crawford County    | 59      | 58.6941%                              | 2,454                         | 4,181            |
| Daviess County     | 40      | 60.1157%                              | 6,549                         | 10,894           |
| Dearborn County    | 20      | 62.8624%                              | 10,581                        | 16,832           |
| Decatur County     | 39      | 60.2620%                              | 5,658                         | 9,389            |
| DeKalb County      | 37      | 60.5854%                              | 9,169                         | 15,134           |
| Delaware County    | 86      | 49.8674%                              | 23,503                        | 47,131           |
| Dubois County      | 24      | 62.0806%                              | 9,196                         | 14,813           |
| Elkhart County     | 69      | 57.9678%                              | 38,348                        | 66,154           |
| Fayette County     | 74      | 56.1526%                              | 5,727                         | 10,199           |
| Floyd County       | 75      | 55.9376%                              | 15,389                        | 27,511           |
| Fountain County    | 54      | 59.0683%                              | 4,159                         | 7,041            |
| Franklin County    | 6       | 66.4718%                              | 5,230                         | 7,868            |
| Fulton County      | 62      | 58.4880%                              | 4,727                         | 8,082            |
| Gibson County      | 55      | 58.8853%                              | 7,565                         | 12,847           |
| Grant County       | 77      | 54.7159%                              | 15,495                        | 28,319           |
| Greene County      | 46      | 59.8340%                              | 8,001                         | 13,372           |
| Hamilton County    | 1       | 68.2890%                              | 45,025                        | 65,933           |
| Hancock County     | 4       | 68.0857%                              | 14,106                        | 20,718           |
| Harrison County    | 22      | 62.6539%                              | 8,093                         | 12,917           |
| Hendricks County   | 2       | 68.1073%                              | 25,387                        | 37,275           |
| Henry County       | 48      | 59.6993%                              | 11,633                        | 19,486           |
| Howard County      | 81      | 52.7414%                              | 18,354                        | 34,800           |
| Huntington County  | 44      | 59.8863%                              | 8,529                         | 14,242           |
| Jackson County     | 56      | 58.8462%                              | 9,446                         | 16,052           |
| Jasper County      | 7       | 66.0865%                              | 7,062                         | 10,686           |
| Jay County         | 51      | 59.4527%                              | 4,997                         | 8,405            |
| Jefferson County   | 76      | 55.6964%                              | 6,766                         | 12,148           |
| Jennings County    | 29      | 61.7130%                              | 6,254                         | 10,134           |
| Johnson County     | 21      | 62.6903%                              | 26,602                        | 42,434           |
| Knox County        | 83      | 52.6170%                              | 8,183                         | 15,552           |
| Kosciusko County   | 25      | 62.0386%                              | 16,926                        | 27,283           |
| LaGrange County    | 3       | 68.1069%                              | 7,645                         | 11,225           |
| Lake County        | 87      | 49.7244%                              | 90,316                        | 181,633          |

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|--------------------|----|----------|-----------|-----------|
| LaPorte County     | 78 | 54.5725% | 22,402    | 41,050    |
| Lawrence County    | 67 | 58.2088% | 10,789    | 18,535    |
| Madison County     | 80 | 53.4381% | 28,350    | 53,052    |
| Marion County      | 92 | 41.6766% | 146,770   | 352,164   |
| Marshall County    | 32 | 61.4020% | 10,143    | 16,519    |
| Martin County      | 63 | 58.4031% | 2,443     | 4,183     |
| Miami County       | 47 | 59.7477% | 8,195     | 13,716    |
| Monroe County      | 91 | 41.7246% | 19,568    | 46,898    |
| Montgomery County  | 58 | 58.7941% | 8,581     | 14,595    |
| Morgan County      | 12 | 64.5701% | 15,779    | 24,437    |
| Newton County      | 13 | 64.5693% | 3,448     | 5,340     |
| Noble County       | 30 | 61.6735% | 10,297    | 16,696    |
| Ohio County        | 17 | 63.4711% | 1,397     | 2,201     |
| Orange County      | 65 | 58.3782% | 4,449     | 7,621     |
| Owen County        | 26 | 61.8450% | 5,122     | 8,282     |
| Parke County       | 49 | 59.6571% | 3,827     | 6,415     |
| Perry County       | 70 | 57.2765% | 4,164     | 7,270     |
| Pike County        | 31 | 61.5745% | 3,152     | 5,119     |
| Porter County      | 42 | 59.9846% | 32,781    | 54,649    |
| Posey County       | 10 | 64.8114% | 6,614     | 10,205    |
| Pulaski County     | 38 | 60.2901% | 3,117     | 5,170     |
| Putnam County      | 18 | 63.4314% | 7,849     | 12,374    |
| Randolph County    | 57 | 58.8004% | 6,431     | 10,937    |
| Ripley County      | 33 | 61.4001% | 6,043     | 9,842     |
| Rush County        | 45 | 59.8440% | 4,143     | 6,923     |
| Scott County       | 60 | 58.6504% | 5,180     | 8,832     |
| Shelby County      | 50 | 59.5314% | 9,859     | 16,561    |
| Spencer County     | 8  | 65.8607% | 4,985     | 7,569     |
| St. Joseph County  | 85 | 50.8412% | 51,219    | 100,743   |
| Starke County      | 36 | 60.5950% | 5,296     | 8,740     |
| Steuben County     | 73 | 56.4924% | 7,196     | 12,738    |
| Sullivan County    | 61 | 58.5497% | 4,578     | 7,819     |
| Switzerland County | 52 | 59.1849% | 2,033     | 3,435     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 90 | 47.2404% | 26,089    | 55,226    |
| Tipton County      | 19 | 63.3637% | 4,099     | 6,469     |
| Union County       | 14 | 63.9814% | 1,787     | 2,793     |
| Vanderburgh County | 89 | 48.3978% | 34,180    | 70,623    |
| Vermillion County  | 71 | 56.8323% | 3,843     | 6,762     |
| Vigo County        | 88 | 48.9439% | 20,066    | 40,998    |
| Wabash County      | 64 | 58.3882% | 7,716     | 13,215    |
| Warren County      | 9  | 65.8590% | 2,120     | 3,219     |
| Warrick County     | 5  | 67.1931% | 13,061    | 19,438    |
| Washington County  | 27 | 61.8083% | 6,344     | 10,264    |
| Wayne County       | 79 | 53.9745% | 15,366    | 28,469    |
| Wells County       | 34 | 61.2478% | 6,371     | 10,402    |
| White County       | 43 | 59.9671% | 5,833     | 9,727     |
| Whitley County     | 28 | 61.7454% | 7,231     | 11,711    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 54.18%   | 1,265,751 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals highest percentage of married couple households, 92 equals lowest percentage of married couple households

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## **The Indiana Family Report**

The results of the 10 Family Health Indicators were combined in order to give all 92 Indiana counties an overall family health ranking. This ranking was shown against the county rankings for per capita income; 1 being the county with the highest per capita income in the state and 92 being the county with the lowest per capita income in the state. This is not meant to show a causal relationship. However, the results do show that those counties that ranked in the top 50 percent of the Indiana Family Report averaged \$820 more in per capita income than those counties that ranked in the bottom 50 percent. The top 50 percent averaged \$19,386 while the bottom 50 percent only averaged \$18,566.

In order to move forward and strengthen the family, county by county, public health officials, policy makers, social workers, community and church leaders, and county residents are welcome to contact the Indiana Family Institute to find ways in which we can strengthen the family together. The Indiana Family Institute is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, education and research organization founded in 1989. IFI works in association with 38 other Family Policy Councils across the nation, but the vast majority of our work and effort centers on public policy, research and public education regarding the status and well being of Hoosier families. This focus leads us to concentrate on providing professional instruction and expertise concerning the creation and maintenance of healthy marriages and family relationships.

At the Indiana Family Institute we believe that healthy marriages and family relationships are not magically established. On the contrary, there are skills necessary to creating healthy marriages and family relationships that can be learned. The Indiana Family Institute is willing and able to create the programs and relationships necessary to

strengthen the family in Indiana. Through the research of the Indiana Family Report, perhaps county leaders will learn more about the family strengthening needs within their county and decide to partner with the Indiana Family Institute in order to help meet those needs.

## Average Indicator Rank and Income

| County            | Average Rank | Income |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| LaGrange County   | 8.2          | 84     |
| Hamilton County   | 14.8         | 1      |
| Jasper County     | 18.2         | 39     |
| Tipton County     | 18.2         | 8      |
| Hancock County    | 19.1         | 2      |
| Spencer County    | 19.8         | 55     |
| Adams County      | 20.1         | 80     |
| Warrick County    | 20.8         | 9      |
| Carroll County    | 21.4         | 34     |
| Hendricks County  | 21.9         | 5      |
| Union County      | 24.1         | 30     |
| Warren County     | 24.2         | 53     |
| Dubois County     | 25.6         | 22     |
| Boone County      | 26           | 3      |
| Posey County      | 26.8         | 31     |
| Brown County      | 27           | 17     |
| Benton County     | 27.4         | 69     |
| Ripley County     | 28           | 66     |
| Daviess County    | 28.1         | 91     |
| Franklin County   | 28.5         | 44     |
| Whitley County    | 29.1         | 18     |
| Marshall County   | 31.3         | 48     |
| Johnson County    | 32.3         | 6      |
| Wells County      | 34           | 38     |
| Ohio County       | 34.9         | 29     |
| Pike County       | 36.3         | 88     |
| Harrison County   | 36.6         | 27     |
| Gibson County     | 37.4         | 52     |
| Newton County     | 38.2         | 61     |
| Kosciusko County  | 38.3         | 25     |
| Pulaski County    | 38.6         | 76     |
| Huntington County | 39.2         | 32     |
| Decatur County    | 41.1         | 45     |
| Fulton County     | 41.4         | 57     |
| Clay County       | 41.9         | 86     |
| Jay County        | 42           | 81     |
| Porter County     | 42.1         | 4      |
| Tippecanoe County | 43.5         | 35     |
| Putnam County     | 43.6         | 70     |
| Rush County       | 43.7         | 56     |
| Greene County     | 44.1         | 77     |
| Wabash County     | 44.2         | 51     |
| Jackson County    | 44.5         | 49     |
| Morgan County     | 45           | 14     |
| Fountain County   | 45.2         | 60     |

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|--------------------|------|----|
| Martin County      | 45.3 | 72 |
| Bartholomew County | 45.8 | 13 |
| White County       | 46.8 | 50 |
| Randolph County    | 47.3 | 74 |
| Starke County      | 48.8 | 85 |
| Henry County       | 48.8 | 36 |
| Monroe County      | 49.6 | 47 |
| Dearborn County    | 49.8 | 19 |
| DeKalb County      | 50.5 | 33 |
| Orange County      | 50.8 | 79 |
| Washington County  | 51.1 | 78 |
| Noble County       | 52.4 | 58 |
| Clinton County     | 52.5 | 59 |
| Vermillion County  | 53.1 | 46 |
| Lawrence County    | 54.7 | 64 |
| Perry County       | 55   | 82 |
| Montgomery County  | 55.4 | 40 |
| Shelby County      | 56   | 20 |
| Parke County       | 56.1 | 73 |
| Jennings County    | 56.3 | 71 |
| Sullivan County    | 56.7 | 87 |
| Owen County        | 57.1 | 75 |
| Miami County       | 58.5 | 63 |
| Elkhart County     | 58.5 | 21 |
| St. Joseph County  | 60.7 | 26 |
| Cass County        | 60.8 | 42 |
| Blackford County   | 60.9 | 83 |
| Crawford County    | 61.1 | 92 |
| Allen County       | 63.6 | 12 |
| Knox County        | 63.9 | 89 |
| Howard County      | 64.2 | 7  |
| Delaware County    | 64.9 | 37 |
| Steuben County     | 66.3 | 16 |
| Scott County       | 67.6 | 90 |
| Grant County       | 68.4 | 54 |
| Lake County        | 68.4 | 28 |
| Switzerland County | 68.9 | 67 |
| Floyd County       | 69.4 | 10 |
| Clark County       | 70   | 24 |
| Jefferson County   | 73.6 | 68 |
| Vigo County        | 73.9 | 65 |
| LaPorte County     | 74.1 | 41 |
| Wayne County       | 74.7 | 62 |
| Fayette County     | 74.7 | 43 |
| Marion County      | 77.9 | 11 |
| Vanderburgh County | 78.1 | 15 |
| Madison County     | 78.3 | 23 |

Average Rank: The average ranking for each county based upon the 10 indicators  
Income Rank: Per capita income. 1 equals highest per capita income, 92 equals lowest per capita income.

## 10 Indicators with Source

**Divorce Rate** – 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Divorce or Separated** – 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Divorces Among Adults 45+** - 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Children Living With Unmarried Parent** – 2000 Census, 100% Data.

**Unmarried Partner Households** – 2000 Census, 100% Data.

**Births to Unwed Mothers 2001** – Indiana State Department of Health.

**Stepchildren** - 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Never Married Adults 30+** - 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Marriage Rate** - 2000 Census, 100% Data; Indiana State Department of

Health.

**Married Couple Households** - 2000 Census, Sample Data (1 in 6).

**Average Rank and Income for 10 Indicators** (Per Capita Income 1999) –

U.S. Census, 100% Data.

# Appendices

Family Health Indicators are sorted according to rank.

## Divorce Rate

Rates are number of people 15+ divorced per 1000 population

| County             | Rank | Rate     | Population 15 years and over: Total number divorced | Population 15 years and over: Total |
|--------------------|------|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Scott County       | 92   | 132.82   | 2,382   | 17,934                              |
| Marion County      | 91   | 131.51   | 88,509  | 673,028                             |
| Vanderburgh County | 90   | 130.39   | 18,111  | 138,895                             |
| Clark County       | 89   | 129.21   | 9,954   | 77,038                              |
| Howard County      | 88   | 128.08   | 8,575   | 66,949                              |
| Madison County     | 87   | 126.06   | 13,481  | 106,937                             |
| LaPorte County     | 86   | 124.46   | 10,942  | 87,918                              |
| Jefferson County   | 85   | 124.41   | 3,149   | 25,311                              |
| Sullivan County    | 84   | 122.78   | 2,183   | 17,780                              |
| Blackford County   | 83   | 122.53   | 1,366   | 11,148                              |
| Owen County        | 82   | 119.91   | 2,043   | 17,038                              |
| Fayette County     | 81   | 119.67   | 2,444   | 20,422                              |
| Floyd County       | 80   | 119.48   | 6,644   | 55,606                              |
| Parke County       | 79   | 119.15   | 1,655   | 13,890                              |
| Jennings County    | 78   | 118.43   | 2,502   | 21,126                              |
| Orange County      | 77   | 116.65   | 1,768   | 15,157                              |
| Wayne County       | 76   | 116.59   | 6,621   | 56,787                              |
| Steuben County     | 75   | 116.53   | 3,047   | 26,147                              |
| Switzerland County | 74   | 116.40   | 829   | 7,122                               |
| Martin County      | 73   | 116.2762 | 958   | 8,239                               |
| Perry County       | 72   | 116.2761 | 1,791   | 15,403                              |
| Lawrence County    | 71   | 115.58   | 4,230   | 36,597                              |
| Miami County       | 70   | 115.29   | 3,272   | 28,381                              |
| Shelby County      | 69   | 114.55   | 3,883   | 33,899                              |
| Crawford County    | 68   | 114.31   | 966   | 8,451                               |
| Vigo County        | 67   | 113.84   | 9,770   | 85,823                              |
| Jackson County     | 66   | 113.71   | 3,695   | 32,496                              |
| Cass County        | 65   | 112.74   | 3,653   | 32,401                              |
| Grant County       | 64   | 112.70   | 6,630   | 58,828                              |
| Montgomery County  | 63   | 112.35   | 3,315   | 29,506                              |
| Pulaski County     | 62   | 112.20   | 1,204   | 10,731                              |
| Bartholomew County | 61   | 111.32   | 6,169   | 55,418                              |
| Morgan County      | 60   | 111.25   | 5,748   | 51,666                              |
| Rush County        | 59   | 110.77   | 1,569   | 14,165                              |
| Greene County      | 58   | 110.60   | 2,921   | 26,410                              |
| Washington County  | 57   | 110.57   | 2,348   | 21,235                              |
| Putnam County      | 56   | 110.54   | 3,206   | 29,002                              |
| Henry County       | 55   | 110.20   | 4,284   | 38,876                              |
| Randolph County    | 54   | 109.58   | 2,372   | 21,646                              |
| Vermillion County  | 53   | 109.04   | 1,471   | 13,490                              |
| Fulton County      | 52   | 108.24   | 1,749   | 16,158                              |
| Fountain County    | 51   | 107.63   | 1,514   | 14,067                              |
| Allen County       | 50   | 107.34   | 27,352  | 254,824                             |

|                      |    |         |         |           |
|----------------------|----|---------|---------|-----------|
| Knox County          | 49 | 107.16  | 3,434   | 32,047    |
| DeKalb County        | 48 | 106.241 | 3,272   | 30,798    |
| Delaware County      | 47 | 106.238 | 10,314  | 97,084    |
| Decatur County       | 46 | 105.87  | 2,029   | 19,165    |
| White County         | 45 | 105.70  | 2,105   | 19,915    |
| Whitley County       | 44 | 103.69  | 2,479   | 23,907    |
| Elkhart County       | 43 | 103.68  | 14,335  | 138,268   |
| Gibson County        | 42 | 103.51  | 2,677   | 25,863    |
| Noble County         | 41 | 103.19  | 3,628   | 35,157    |
| Huntington County    | 40 | 102.22  | 3,054   | 29,877    |
| Lake County          | 39 | 102.21  | 38,567  | 377,333   |
| Jay County           | 38 | 101.90  | 1,718   | 16,860    |
| Clay County          | 37 | 101.71  | 2,128   | 20,923    |
| Wells County         | 36 | 101.21  | 2,166   | 21,402    |
| Union County         | 35 | 100.79  | 577     | 5,725     |
| Clinton County       | 34 | 100.63  | 2,638   | 26,216    |
| Starke County        | 33 | 100.58  | 1,852   | 18,413    |
| Brown County         | 32 | 100.28  | 1,219   | 12,156    |
| St. Joseph County    | 31 | 99.86   | 20,827  | 208,552   |
| Harrison County      | 30 | 99.41   | 2,691   | 27,071    |
| Pike County          | 29 | 99.40   | 1,023   | 10,292    |
| Wabash County        | 28 | 99.27   | 2,784   | 28,045    |
| Porter County        | 27 | 99.10   | 11,523  | 116,281   |
| Kosciusko County     | 26 | 97.40   | 5,556   | 57,042    |
| Johnson County       | 25 | 97.35   | 8,670   | 89,056    |
| Boone County         | 24 | 95.88   | 3,378   | 35,232    |
| Posey County         | 23 | 94.25   | 1,976   | 20,966    |
| Benton County        | 22 | 94.24   | 689     | 7,311     |
| Marshall County      | 21 | 93.47   | 3,249   | 34,758    |
| Hendricks County     | 20 | 93.24   | 7,456   | 79,969    |
| Newton County        | 19 | 92.88   | 1,065   | 11,467    |
| Daviess County       | 18 | 92.74   | 2,102   | 22,665    |
| Dearborn County      | 17 | 92.73   | 3,305   | 35,640    |
| Carroll County       | 16 | 91.64   | 1,445   | 15,769    |
| Monroe County        | 15 | 91.47   | 9,387   | 102,628   |
| Tipton County        | 14 | 90.63   | 1,195   | 13,186    |
| Ripley County        | 13 | 89.78   | 1,822   | 20,295    |
| Warren County        | 12 | 86.73   | 571     | 6,584     |
| Warrick County       | 11 | 85.39   | 3,490   | 40,871    |
| Dubois County        | 10 | 84.32   | 2,589   | 30,703    |
| Spencer County       | 9  | 84.03   | 1,342   | 15,970    |
| Hancock County       | 8  | 83.71   | 3,626   | 43,316    |
| Franklin County      | 7  | 83.62   | 1,421   | 16,993    |
| Ohio County          | 6  | 83.18   | 373     | 4,484     |
| Tippecanoe County    | 5  | 82.17   | 10,104  | 122,970   |
| Adams County         | 4  | 78.13   | 1,949   | 24,946    |
| Hamilton County      | 3  | 78.00   | 10,491  | 134,505   |
| Jasper County        | 2  | 77.75   | 1,810   | 23,280    |
| LaGrange County      | 1  | 74.27   | 1,867   | 25,139    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 108.62  | 518,243 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest divorce rate, 92 equals highest divorce rate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Divorced or Separated

**Percent of population age 15 and over who list marital status as divorced or separated**

| County             | Ranking | Percentage of the<br>Population 15 years and<br>over that are Divorced or<br>Separated | Total Population 15<br>years and over: Total<br>number divorced or<br>separated | Population 15<br>years and over:<br>Total |
|--------------------|---------|--|---|---|
| Marion County      | 92      | 15.20%   | 102,321   | 673,028                                   |
| Clark County       | 91      | 14.47%   | 11,146  | 77,038                                    |
| Scott County       | 90      | 14.35%   | 2,573   | 17,934                                    |
| Howard County      | 89      | 14.10%   | 9,440   | 66,949                                    |
| Vanderburgh County | 88      | 13.98%   | 19,412  | 138,895                                   |
| Madison County     | 87      | 13.91%   | 14,873  | 106,937                                   |
| LaPorte County     | 86      | 13.81%   | 12,143  | 87,918                                    |
| Fayette County     | 85      | 13.62%   | 2,782   | 20,422                                    |
| Jefferson County   | 84      | 13.52%   | 3,423   | 25,311                                    |
| Sullivan County    | 83      | 13.44%   | 2,390   | 17,780                                    |
| Floyd County       | 82      | 13.30%   | 7,393   | 55,606                                    |
| Steuben County     | 81      | 13.17%   | 3,444   | 26,147                                    |
| Putnam County      | 80      | 13.16%   | 3,818   | 29,002                                    |
| Owen County        | 79      | 13.08%   | 2,228   | 17,038                                    |
| Wayne County       | 78      | 13.07%   | 7,423   | 56,787                                    |
| Jennings County    | 77      | 13.02%   | 2,751   | 21,126                                    |
| Parke County       | 76      | 13.00%   | 1,806   | 13,890                                    |
| Miami County       | 75      | 12.97%   | 3,681   | 28,381                                    |
| Crawford County    | 74      | 12.93%   | 1,093   | 8,451                                     |
| Blackford County   | 73      | 12.81%   | 1,428   | 11,148                                    |
| Vigo County        | 72      | 12.62%   | 10,832  | 85,823                                    |
| Martin County      | 71      | 12.56%   | 1,035   | 8,239                                     |
| Orange County      | 70      | 12.56%   | 1,903   | 15,157                                    |
| Cass County        | 69      | 12.56%   | 4,068   | 32,401                                    |
| Lawrence County    | 68      | 12.51%   | 4,577   | 36,597                                    |
| Perry County       | 67      | 12.48%   | 1,923   | 15,403                                    |
| Jackson County     | 66      | 12.46%   | 4,050   | 32,496                                    |
| Shelby County      | 65      | 12.46%   | 4,224   | 33,899                                    |
| Montgomery County  | 64      | 12.38%   | 3,653   | 29,506                                    |
| Washington County  | 63      | 12.31%   | 2,615   | 21,235                                    |
| Lake County        | 62      | 12.30%   | 46,403  | 377,333                                   |
| Grant County       | 61      | 12.28%   | 7,226   | 58,828                                    |
| Randolph County    | 60      | 12.27%   | 2,656   | 21,646                                    |
| Allen County       | 59      | 12.25%   | 31,215  | 254,824                                   |
| Rush County        | 58      | 12.24%   | 1,734   | 14,165                                    |
| Bartholomew County | 57      | 12.20%   | 6,762   | 55,418                                    |
| Switzerland County | 56      | 12.20%   | 869   | 7,122                                     |
| Fulton County      | 55      | 12.17%   | 1,966   | 16,158                                    |
| Pulaski County     | 54      | 12.11%   | 1,299   | 10,731                                    |
| Henry County       | 53      | 12.09%   | 4,701   | 38,876                                    |
| Greene County      | 52      | 11.96%   | 3,158   | 26,410                                    |
| Morgan County      | 51      | 11.94%   | 6,167   | 51,666                                    |
| Elkhart County     | 50      | 11.87%   | 16,414  | 138,268                                   |
| DeKalb County      | 49      | 11.78%   | 3,628   | 30,798                                    |

|                      |    |        |         |           |
|----------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Delaware County      | 48 | 11.70% | 11,356  | 97,084    |
| Knox County          | 47 | 11.69% | 3,747   | 32,047    |
| Decatur County       | 46 | 11.69% | 2,240   | 19,165    |
| White County         | 45 | 11.63% | 2,316   | 19,915    |
| Vermillion County    | 44 | 11.62% | 1,568   | 13,490    |
| Fountain County      | 43 | 11.54% | 1,623   | 14,067    |
| Clay County          | 42 | 11.53% | 2,413   | 20,923    |
| Clinton County       | 41 | 11.52% | 3,021   | 26,216    |
| St. Joseph County    | 40 | 11.47% | 23,925  | 208,552   |
| Noble County         | 39 | 11.47% | 4,031   | 35,157    |
| Starke County        | 38 | 11.40% | 2,099   | 18,413    |
| Whitley County       | 37 | 11.25% | 2,690   | 23,907    |
| Jay County           | 36 | 11.19% | 1,886   | 16,860    |
| Wells County         | 35 | 11.09% | 2,373   | 21,402    |
| Gibson County        | 34 | 11.02% | 2,849   | 25,863    |
| Wabash County        | 33 | 11.01% | 3,087   | 28,045    |
| Huntington County    | 32 | 10.99% | 3,284   | 29,877    |
| Harrison County      | 31 | 10.97% | 2,970   | 27,071    |
| Porter County        | 30 | 10.95% | 12,727  | 116,281   |
| Kosciusko County     | 29 | 10.84% | 6,181   | 57,042    |
| Benton County        | 28 | 10.81% | 790     | 7,311     |
| Johnson County       | 27 | 10.71% | 9,537   | 89,056    |
| Pike County          | 26 | 10.67% | 1,098   | 10,292    |
| Brown County         | 25 | 10.61% | 1,290   | 12,156    |
| Union County         | 24 | 10.60% | 607     | 5,725     |
| Boone County         | 23 | 10.39% | 3,659   | 35,232    |
| Carroll County       | 22 | 10.38% | 1,637   | 15,769    |
| Dearborn County      | 21 | 10.37% | 3,697   | 35,640    |
| Hendricks County     | 20 | 10.37% | 8,294   | 79,969    |
| Daviess County       | 19 | 10.27% | 2,327   | 22,665    |
| Marshall County      | 18 | 10.25% | 3,564   | 34,758    |
| Ripley County        | 17 | 10.09% | 2,048   | 20,295    |
| Newton County        | 16 | 10.02% | 1,149   | 11,467    |
| Posey County         | 15 | 9.83%  | 2,061   | 20,966    |
| Monroe County        | 14 | 9.79%  | 10,043  | 102,628   |
| Tipton County        | 13 | 9.75%  | 1,286   | 13,186    |
| Warren County        | 12 | 9.45%  | 622     | 6,584     |
| Franklin County      | 11 | 9.10%  | 1,547   | 16,993    |
| Tippecanoe County    | 10 | 9.08%  | 11,170  | 122,970   |
| Hancock County       | 9  | 9.05%  | 3,921   | 43,316    |
| Warrick County       | 8  | 9.00%  | 3,677   | 40,871    |
| Spencer County       | 7  | 8.99%  | 1,436   | 15,970    |
| Dubois County        | 6  | 8.88%  | 2,725   | 30,703    |
| Adams County         | 5  | 8.80%  | 2,195   | 24,946    |
| LaGrange County      | 4  | 8.77%  | 2,205   | 25,139    |
| Ohio County          | 3  | 8.68%  | 389     | 4,484     |
| Hamilton County      | 2  | 8.66%  | 11,651  | 134,505   |
| Jasper County        | 1  | 8.51%  | 1,982   | 23,280    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 12.19% | 581,639 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of population divorced or separated, 92 equals highest percentage of population divorced or separated

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6)

## Divorces Among Adults 45+

Divorces obtained per 1000 population

| County             | Rank | Rate   | Total Population<br>45+ that are<br>divorced | Total<br>Population<br>45+ |
|--------------------|------|--------|--|----------------------------|
| Marion County      | 92   | 179.21 | 48,337                                       | 269,718                    |
| Clark County       | 91   | 154.40 | 5,386  | 34,883                     |
| Vanderburgh County | 90   | 153.35 | 9,827  | 64,084                     |
| Monroe County      | 89   | 150.59 | 4,910  | 32,606                     |
| LaPorte County     | 88   | 144.79 | 5,926  | 40,929                     |
| Howard County      | 87   | 142.97 | 4,603  | 32,196                     |
| Madison County     | 86   | 140.56 | 7,268  | 51,706                     |
| Jefferson County   | 85   | 138.43 | 1,602  | 11,573                     |
| Allen County       | 84   | 133.88 | 14,619                                       | 109,198                    |
| Floyd County       | 83   | 133.67 | 3,398  | 25,420                     |
| Martin County      | 82   | 133.24 | 550  | 4,128                      |
| Scott County       | 81   | 133.19 | 1,047  | 7,861                      |
| Vigo County        | 80   | 131.97 | 4,967  | 37,638                     |
| Lake County        | 79   | 130.65 | 22,571                                       | 172,759                    |
| Delaware County    | 78   | 130.01 | 5,455  | 41,959                     |
| Fayette County     | 77   | 129.57 | 1,326  | 10,234                     |
| Cass County        | 76   | 128.43 | 1,948  | 15,168                     |
| Bartholomew County | 75   | 128.20 | 3,309  | 25,812                     |
| St. Joseph County  | 74   | 127.16 | 11,638                                       | 91,523                     |
| Vermillion County  | 73   | 127.14 | 869  | 6,835                      |
| Steuben County     | 72   | 126.53 | 1,487  | 11,752                     |
| Jennings County    | 71   | 126.48 | 1,176  | 9,298                      |
| Wayne County       | 70   | 126.10 | 3,509  | 27,828                     |
| Knox County        | 69   | 125.95 | 1,881  | 14,934                     |
| Grant County       | 68   | 122.17 | 3,480  | 28,486                     |
| Sullivan County    | 67   | 121.20 | 990  | 8,168                      |
| Elkhart County     | 66   | 121.20 | 7,041  | 58,096                     |
| Washington County  | 65   | 121.03 | 1,154  | 9,535                      |
| Shelby County      | 64   | 120.54 | 1,818  | 15,082                     |
| Montgomery County  | 63   | 120.08 | 1,648  | 13,724                     |
| Henry County       | 62   | 119.28 | 2,342  | 19,635                     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 61   | 119.24 | 4,705  | 39,457                     |
| Noble County       | 60   | 118.39 | 1,744  | 14,731                     |
| Parke County       | 59   | 117.59 | 813  | 6,914                      |
| DeKalb County      | 58   | 117.57 | 1,565  | 13,311                     |
| Starke County      | 57   | 117.40 | 1,033  | 8,799                      |
| Orange County      | 56   | 117.23 | 868  | 7,404                      |
| Lawrence County    | 55   | 116.34 | 2,123  | 18,249                     |
| Porter County      | 54   | 115.96 | 6,046  | 52,140                     |
| Owen County        | 53   | 115.64 | 941  | 8,137                      |
| Blackford County   | 52   | 115.55 | 654  | 5,660                      |
| Clinton County     | 51   | 115.41 | 1,387  | 12,018                     |
| Perry County       | 50   | 115.01 | 830  | 7,217                      |
| Switzerland County | 49   | 114.64 | 386  | 3,367                      |
| Crawford County    | 48   | 114.24 | 462  | 4,044                      |
| Rush County        | 47   | 113.93 | 768  | 6,741                      |

|                   |    |        |         |           |
|-------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Dearborn County   | 46 | 112.96 | 1,796   | 15,900    |
| Morgan County     | 45 | 112.69 | 2,592   | 23,001    |
| Union County      | 44 | 111.82 | 300     | 2,683     |
| Clay County       | 43 | 111.48 | 1,112   | 9,975     |
| Putnam County     | 42 | 109.75 | 1,343   | 12,237    |
| Greene County     | 41 | 109.46 | 1,425   | 13,018    |
| Boone County      | 40 | 109.02 | 1,769   | 16,227    |
| White County      | 39 | 108.79 | 1,061   | 9,753     |
| Huntington County | 38 | 107.73 | 1,471   | 13,654    |
| Jay County        | 37 | 107.49 | 891     | 8,289     |
| Johnson County    | 36 | 107.46 | 4,121   | 38,348    |
| Miami County      | 35 | 107.40 | 1,402   | 13,054    |
| Decatur County    | 34 | 107.11 | 936     | 8,739     |
| Pulaski County    | 33 | 106.90 | 564     | 5,276     |
| Hendricks County  | 32 | 106.78 | 3,632   | 34,014    |
| Wabash County     | 31 | 106.53 | 1,451   | 13,621    |
| Brown County      | 30 | 106.41 | 676     | 6,353     |
| Randolph County   | 29 | 106.12 | 1,151   | 10,846    |
| Fulton County     | 28 | 105.66 | 838     | 7,931     |
| Gibson County     | 27 | 105.28 | 1,322   | 12,557    |
| Kosciusko County  | 26 | 104.22 | 2,666   | 25,581    |
| Jackson County    | 25 | 103.50 | 1,513   | 14,618    |
| Wells County      | 24 | 101.67 | 1,019   | 10,023    |
| Posey County      | 23 | 101.11 | 995     | 9,841     |
| Hamilton County   | 22 | 100.54 | 5,269   | 52,407    |
| Whitley County    | 21 | 98.73  | 1,100   | 11,142    |
| Daviess County    | 20 | 98.61  | 1,068   | 10,830    |
| Newton County     | 19 | 97.16  | 527     | 5,424     |
| Harrison County   | 18 | 93.48  | 1,129   | 12,078    |
| Pike County       | 17 | 93.10  | 480     | 5,156     |
| Dubois County     | 16 | 93.04  | 1,291   | 13,876    |
| Marshall County   | 15 | 92.78  | 1,477   | 15,919    |
| Hancock County    | 14 | 91.41  | 1,856   | 20,305    |
| Carroll County    | 13 | 88.60  | 671     | 7,573     |
| Warrick County    | 12 | 87.88  | 1,670   | 19,004    |
| Ripley County     | 11 | 87.68  | 823     | 9,386     |
| Benton County     | 10 | 87.30  | 306     | 3,505     |
| Adams County      | 9  | 86.61  | 975     | 11,258    |
| Jasper County     | 8  | 86.19  | 900     | 10,442    |
| Fountain County   | 7  | 85.55  | 594     | 6,943     |
| LaGrange County   | 6  | 85.27  | 886     | 10,390    |
| Warren County     | 5  | 84.09  | 279     | 3,318     |
| Spencer County    | 4  | 83.99  | 635     | 7,560     |
| Tipton County     | 3  | 81.08  | 533     | 6,574     |
| Ohio County       | 2  | 80.35  | 175     | 2,178     |
| Franklin County   | 1  | 80.12  | 623     | 7,776     |
| <b>Indiana</b>    |    | 128.47 | 269,720 | 2,099,540 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest divorce rate, 92 equals highest divorce rate.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6).

## Children Living With Unmarried Parent

### Non Married-Couple Family with a Child Under 18

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Single Parent Households | Single Parent Households | Total Households |
|--------------------|------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Lake County        | 92   | 13.56%                                 | 24,631                   | 181,633          |
| Marion County      | 91   | 13.55%                                 | 47,734                   | 352,164          |
| St. Joseph County  | 90   | 11.27%                                 | 11,356                   | 100,743          |
| Scott County       | 89   | 11.06%                                 | 977                      | 8,832            |
| Allen County       | 88   | 11.06%                                 | 14,239                   | 128,745          |
| Elkhart County     | 87   | 11.00%                                 | 7,275                    | 66,154           |
| Madison County     | 86   | 10.93%                                 | 5,801                    | 53,052           |
| Clark County       | 85   | 10.92%                                 | 4,230                    | 38,751           |
| Floyd County       | 84   | 10.86%                                 | 2,987                    | 27,511           |
| Grant County       | 83   | 10.85%                                 | 3,074                    | 28,319           |
| Vigo County        | 82   | 10.71%                                 | 4,391                    | 40,998           |
| LaPorte County     | 81   | 10.65%                                 | 4,373                    | 41,050           |
| Howard County      | 80   | 10.55%                                 | 3,673                    | 34,800           |
| Wayne County       | 79   | 10.54%                                 | 3,001                    | 28,469           |
| Switzerland County | 78   | 10.33%                                 | 355                      | 3,435            |
| Vanderburgh County | 77   | 10.31%                                 | 7,280                    | 70,623           |
| Jennings County    | 76   | 10.07%                                 | 1,020                    | 10,134           |
| Fayette County     | 75   | 9.90%                                  | 1,010                    | 10,199           |
| Jefferson County   | 74   | 9.89%                                  | 1,202                    | 12,148           |
| Delaware County    | 73   | 9.82%                                  | 4,629                    | 47,131           |
| Starke County      | 72   | 9.81%                                  | 857                      | 8,740            |
| Miami County       | 71   | 9.70%                                  | 1,330                    | 13,716           |
| Crawford County    | 70   | 9.59%                                  | 401                      | 4,181            |
| Noble County       | 69   | 9.54%                                  | 1,592                    | 16,696           |
| Shelby County      | 68   | 9.53%                                  | 1,578                    | 16,561           |
| Blackford County   | 67   | 9.53%                                  | 542                      | 5,690            |
| Steuben County     | 66   | 9.41%                                  | 1,199                    | 12,738           |
| Clinton County     | 65   | 9.23%                                  | 1,158                    | 12,545           |
| Montgomery County  | 64   | 9.18%                                  | 1,340                    | 14,595           |
| Dearborn County    | 63   | 9.15%                                  | 1,540                    | 16,832           |
| Knox County        | 62   | 9.12%                                  | 1,419                    | 15,552           |
| DeKalb County      | 61   | 9.08%                                  | 1,374                    | 15,134           |
| Bartholomew County | 60   | 9.05%                                  | 2,529                    | 27,936           |
| Jackson County     | 59   | 9.05%                                  | 1,452                    | 16,052           |
| Washington County  | 58   | 9.03%                                  | 927                      | 10,264           |
| Cass County        | 57   | 8.86%                                  | 1,392                    | 15,715           |
| Huntington County  | 56   | 8.76%                                  | 1,248                    | 14,242           |
| Henry County       | 55   | 8.72%                                  | 1,699                    | 19,486           |
| Benton County      | 54   | 8.71%                                  | 310                      | 3,558            |
| Decatur County     | 53   | 8.70%                                  | 817                      | 9,389            |
| Johnson County     | 52   | 8.69%                                  | 3,687                    | 42,434           |
| Kosciusko County   | 51   | 8.65%                                  | 2,359                    | 27,283           |
| Owen County        | 50   | 8.65%                                  | 716                      | 8,282            |
| White County       | 49   | 8.62%                                  | 838                      | 9,727            |

|                   |    |        |         |           |
|-------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|
| Clay County       | 48 | 8.60%  | 879     | 10,216    |
| Harrison County   | 47 | 8.57%  | 1,107   | 12,917    |
| Morgan County     | 46 | 8.56%  | 2,093   | 24,437    |
| Gibson County     | 45 | 8.52%  | 1,095   | 12,847    |
| Ohio County       | 44 | 8.50%  | 187     | 2,201     |
| Randolph County   | 43 | 8.48%  | 928     | 10,937    |
| Ripley County     | 42 | 8.47%  | 834     | 9,842     |
| Lawrence County   | 41 | 8.43%  | 1,562   | 18,535    |
| Sullivan County   | 40 | 8.36%  | 654     | 7,819     |
| Whitley County    | 39 | 8.36%  | 979     | 11,711    |
| Marshall County   | 38 | 8.34%  | 1,377   | 16,519    |
| Jay County        | 37 | 8.30%  | 698     | 8,405     |
| Fountain County   | 36 | 8.28%  | 583     | 7,041     |
| Orange County     | 35 | 8.25%  | 629     | 7,621     |
| Perry County      | 34 | 8.24%  | 599     | 7,270     |
| Porter County     | 33 | 8.22%  | 4,493   | 54,649    |
| Greene County     | 32 | 8.17%  | 1,092   | 13,372    |
| Wabash County     | 31 | 8.15%  | 1,077   | 13,215    |
| Daviess County    | 30 | 8.09%  | 881     | 10,894    |
| Fulton County     | 29 | 8.07%  | 652     | 8,082     |
| Putnam County     | 28 | 8.02%  | 992     | 12,374    |
| Vermillion County | 27 | 8.00%  | 541     | 6,762     |
| Parke County      | 26 | 7.98%  | 512     | 6,415     |
| Rush County       | 25 | 7.97%  | 552     | 6,923     |
| Adams County      | 24 | 7.94%  | 938     | 11,818    |
| Tippecanoe County | 23 | 7.87%  | 4,344   | 55,226    |
| Pulaski County    | 22 | 7.83%  | 405     | 5,170     |
| Union County      | 21 | 7.77%  | 217     | 2,793     |
| Wells County      | 20 | 7.71%  | 802     | 10,402    |
| Martin County     | 19 | 7.65%  | 320     | 4,183     |
| Pike County       | 18 | 7.64%  | 391     | 5,119     |
| Posey County      | 17 | 7.60%  | 776     | 10,205    |
| Jasper County     | 16 | 7.58%  | 810     | 10,686    |
| Newton County     | 15 | 7.57%  | 404     | 5,340     |
| Hendricks County  | 14 | 7.55%  | 2,816   | 37,275    |
| Warrick County    | 13 | 7.47%  | 1,452   | 19,438    |
| Monroe County     | 12 | 7.35%  | 3,448   | 46,898    |
| Franklin County   | 11 | 7.35%  | 578     | 7,868     |
| Boone County      | 10 | 7.29%  | 1,245   | 17,081    |
| Warren County     | 9  | 7.11%  | 229     | 3,219     |
| Dubois County     | 8  | 7.01%  | 1,038   | 14,813    |
| Hancock County    | 7  | 6.97%  | 1,444   | 20,718    |
| Tipton County     | 6  | 6.91%  | 447     | 6,469     |
| LaGrange County   | 5  | 6.87%  | 771     | 11,225    |
| Hamilton County   | 4  | 6.83%  | 4,505   | 65,933    |
| Carroll County    | 3  | 6.80%  | 525     | 7,718     |
| Spencer County    | 2  | 6.75%  | 511     | 7,569     |
| Brown County      | 1  | 6.61%  | 390     | 5,897     |
| <b>Indiana</b>    |    | 10.24% | 239,344 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of children, 92 equals highest percentage of children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

## Unmarried Partner Households

Number of households per 1000 with unmarried partners

| County             | Rank | Rate  | Unmarried-partner Households | Total Households |
|--------------------|------|-------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Marion County      | 92   | 68.05 | 23,965                       | 352,164          |
| Steuben County     | 91   | 67.44 | 859                          | 12,738           |
| Switzerland County | 90   | 67.25 | 231                          | 3,435            |
| Crawford County    | 89   | 62.66 | 262                          | 4,181            |
| Scott County       | 88   | 60.80 | 537                          | 8,832            |
| Elkhart County     | 87   | 60.59 | 4,008                        | 66,154           |
| Shelby County      | 86   | 60.44 | 1,001                        | 16,561           |
| Vigo County        | 85   | 59.78 | 2,451                        | 40,998           |
| LaPorte County     | 84   | 59.66 | 2,449                        | 41,050           |
| Jennings County    | 83   | 59.40 | 602                          | 10,134           |
| Monroe County      | 82   | 57.89 | 2,715                        | 46,898           |
| Jefferson County   | 81   | 57.54 | 699                          | 12,148           |
| Wayne County       | 80   | 57.36 | 1,633                        | 28,469           |
| Noble County       | 79   | 56.00 | 935                          | 16,696           |
| Starke County      | 78   | 55.95 | 489                          | 8,740            |
| Fayette County     | 77   | 55.79 | 569                          | 10,199           |
| Madison County     | 76   | 55.74 | 2,957                        | 53,052           |
| DeKalb County      | 75   | 55.64 | 842                          | 15,134           |
| Orange County      | 74   | 55.24 | 421                          | 7,621            |
| Clark County       | 73   | 54.99 | 2,131                        | 38,751           |
| Decatur County     | 72   | 54.43 | 511                          | 9,389            |
| Washington County  | 71   | 54.36 | 558                          | 10,264           |
| Allen County       | 70   | 54.32 | 6,993                        | 128,745          |
| White County       | 69   | 54.28 | 528                          | 9,727            |
| Montgomery County  | 68   | 54.27 | 792                          | 14,595           |
| St. Joseph County  | 67   | 54.14 | 5,454                        | 100,743          |
| Kosciusko County   | 66   | 53.73 | 1,466                        | 27,283           |
| Tippecanoe County  | 65   | 53.07 | 2,931                        | 55,226           |
| Warren County      | 64   | 52.50 | 169                          | 3,219            |
| Owen County        | 63   | 52.40 | 434                          | 8,282            |
| Vanderburgh County | 62   | 52.26 | 3,691                        | 70,623           |
| Delaware County    | 61   | 52.07 | 2,454                        | 47,131           |
| Clinton County     | 60   | 51.89 | 651                          | 12,545           |
| Jay County         | 59   | 51.87 | 436                          | 8,405            |
| Newton County      | 58   | 51.87 | 277                          | 5,340            |
| Lake County        | 57   | 51.68 | 9,387                        | 181,633          |
| Porter County      | 56   | 51.62 | 2,821                        | 54,649           |
| Jackson County     | 55   | 51.02 | 819                          | 16,052           |
| Floyd County       | 54   | 50.96 | 1,402                        | 27,511           |
| Grant County       | 53   | 50.21 | 1,422                        | 28,319           |
| Dearborn County    | 52   | 49.96 | 841                          | 16,832           |
| Morgan County      | 51   | 49.92 | 1,220                        | 24,437           |
| Rush County        | 50   | 49.83 | 345                          | 6,923            |
| Fulton County      | 49   | 49.62 | 401                          | 8,082            |

|                    |    |       |         |           |
|--------------------|----|-------|---------|-----------|
| Blackford County   | 48 | 49.38 | 281     | 5,690     |
| Perry County       | 47 | 49.38 | 359     | 7,270     |
| Harrison County    | 46 | 49.31 | 637     | 12,917    |
| Randolph County    | 45 | 49.10 | 537     | 10,937    |
| Miami County       | 44 | 48.99 | 672     | 13,716    |
| Cass County        | 43 | 48.87 | 768     | 15,715    |
| Whitley County     | 42 | 48.33 | 566     | 11,711    |
| Vermillion County  | 41 | 48.21 | 326     | 6,762     |
| Ohio County        | 40 | 48.16 | 106     | 2,201     |
| Knox County        | 39 | 47.13 | 733     | 15,552    |
| Bartholomew County | 38 | 47.04 | 1,314   | 27,936    |
| Greene County      | 37 | 46.52 | 622     | 13,372    |
| Fountain County    | 36 | 46.44 | 327     | 7,041     |
| Benton County      | 35 | 46.09 | 164     | 3,558     |
| Henry County       | 34 | 45.88 | 894     | 19,486    |
| Ripley County      | 33 | 45.72 | 450     | 9,842     |
| Lawrence County    | 32 | 45.70 | 847     | 18,535    |
| Johnson County     | 31 | 45.48 | 1,930   | 42,434    |
| Marshall County    | 30 | 45.46 | 751     | 16,519    |
| Clay County        | 29 | 45.32 | 463     | 10,216    |
| Pulaski County     | 28 | 45.26 | 234     | 5,170     |
| Huntington County  | 27 | 45.22 | 644     | 14,242    |
| Wabash County      | 26 | 45.02 | 595     | 13,215    |
| Howard County      | 25 | 44.68 | 1,555   | 34,800    |
| Brown County       | 24 | 44.43 | 262     | 5,897     |
| Union County       | 23 | 44.04 | 123     | 2,793     |
| Putnam County      | 22 | 43.96 | 544     | 12,374    |
| Gibson County      | 21 | 43.75 | 562     | 12,847    |
| Boone County       | 20 | 43.73 | 747     | 17,081    |
| Jasper County      | 19 | 43.61 | 466     | 10,686    |
| Posey County       | 18 | 43.31 | 442     | 10,205    |
| Wells County       | 17 | 43.07 | 448     | 10,402    |
| Parke County       | 16 | 43.02 | 276     | 6,415     |
| Pike County        | 15 | 42.98 | 220     | 5,119     |
| Tipton County      | 14 | 42.82 | 277     | 6,469     |
| Franklin County    | 13 | 42.58 | 335     | 7,868     |
| Carroll County     | 12 | 42.50 | 328     | 7,718     |
| Daviess County     | 11 | 41.40 | 451     | 10,894    |
| Martin County      | 10 | 41.36 | 173     | 4,183     |
| Dubois County      | 9  | 41.18 | 610     | 14,813    |
| Sullivan County    | 8  | 41.05 | 321     | 7,819     |
| Hendricks County   | 7  | 40.64 | 1,515   | 37,275    |
| LaGrange County    | 6  | 39.73 | 446     | 11,225    |
| Spencer County     | 5  | 39.37 | 298     | 7,569     |
| Warrick County     | 4  | 38.79 | 754     | 19,438    |
| Hamilton County    | 3  | 38.16 | 2,516   | 65,933    |
| Hancock County     | 2  | 37.94 | 786     | 20,718    |
| Adams County       | 1  | 35.29 | 417     | 11,818    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 53.44 | 124,851 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest unmarried household rate, 92 equals highest unmarried household rate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Births to Unwed Mothers, 2001

Percentage of all births which are to unwed mothers

| County      | Rank | Percentage of Births to Unmarried Parents | Total Births |
|-------------|------|---|--------------|
| Marion      | 92   | 47.6%                                     | 14,373       |
| Lake        | 91   | 47.3%                                     | 6,936        |
| Grant       | 90   | 44.9%                                     | 822          |
| Wayne       | 89   | 42.8%                                     | 894          |
| LaPorte     | 88   | 42.4%                                     | 1,401        |
| Vanderburgh | 87   | 41.3%                                     | 2,292        |
| Vigo        | 86   | 41.1%                                     | 1,275        |
| White       | 85   | 40.9%                                     | 386          |
| Starke      | 84   | 40.3%                                     | 325          |
| St. Joseph  | 83   | 40.1%                                     | 3,856        |
| Madison     | 82   | 40.1%                                     | 1,710        |
| Knox        | 81   | 40.0%                                     | 453          |
| Delaware    | 80   | 40.0%                                     | 1,371        |
| Wabash      | 79   | 38.9%                                     | 391          |
| Fayette     | 78   | 38.1%                                     | 302          |
| Cass        | 77   | 37.8%                                     | 574          |
| Miami       | 76   | 37.6%                                     | 479          |
| Dearborn    | 75   | 37.6%                                     | 527          |
| Steuben     | 74   | 37.5%                                     | 464          |
| Scott       | 73   | 37.0%                                     | 303          |
| Howard      | 72   | 36.9%                                     | 1,218        |
| Montgomery  | 71   | 36.8%                                     | 505          |
| Perry       | 70   | 36.3%                                     | 223          |
| Blackford   | 69   | 35.8%                                     | 179          |
| Allen       | 68   | 35.7%                                     | 5,371        |
| Elkhart     | 67   | 35.4%                                     | 3,125        |
| Switzerland | 66   | 35.3%                                     | 102          |
| Noble       | 65   | 35.0%                                     | 717          |
| Clark       | 64   | 34.9%                                     | 1,311        |
| Vermillion  | 63   | 34.6%                                     | 191          |
| Jefferson   | 62   | 34.5%                                     | 383          |
| Clinton     | 61   | 34.2%                                     | 521          |
| Fountain    | 60   | 34.0%                                     | 238          |
| Lawrence    | 59   | 33.6%                                     | 565          |
| Clay        | 58   | 33.5%                                     | 349          |
| Floyd       | 57   | 33.3%                                     | 852          |
| Shelby      | 56   | 33.2%                                     | 597          |
| Parke       | 55   | 32.9%                                     | 164          |
| Fulton      | 54   | 32.9%                                     | 252          |
| Putnam      | 53   | 32.8%                                     | 405          |
| Newton      | 52   | 32.5%                                     | 163          |
| Jennings    | 51   | 32.3%                                     | 400          |
| DeKalb      | 50   | 32.3%                                     | 616          |
| Henry       | 49   | 32.2%                                     | 590          |
| Gibson      | 48   | 32.2%                                     | 419          |
| Kosciusko   | 47   | 32.0%                                     | 1,133        |
| Ohio        | 46   | 31.9%                                     | 69           |

|                |    |              |               |
|----------------|----|--------------|---------------|
| Bartholomew    | 45 | 31.9%        | 999           |
| Owen           | 44 | 31.7%        | 262           |
| Huntington     | 43 | 31.5%        | 438           |
| Randolph       | 42 | 31.2%        | 337           |
| Franklin       | 41 | 30.6%        | 232           |
| Crawford       | 40 | 30.4%        | 135           |
| Union          | 39 | 30.3%        | 66            |
| Orange         | 38 | 30.3%        | 274           |
| Rush           | 37 | 30.1%        | 259           |
| Morgan         | 36 | 30.1%        | 847           |
| Jackson        | 35 | 30.1%        | 638           |
| Decatur        | 34 | 29.0%        | 379           |
| Washington     | 33 | 28.9%        | 363           |
| Greene         | 32 | 28.9%        | 394           |
| Tippecanoe     | 31 | 28.4%        | 1,917         |
| Marshall       | 30 | 28.1%        | 720           |
| Pulaski        | 29 | 27.8%        | 144           |
| Jasper         | 28 | 27.8%        | 353           |
| Wells          | 27 | 27.7%        | 321           |
| Sullivan       | 26 | 27.2%        | 265           |
| Harrison       | 25 | 27.1%        | 457           |
| Porter         | 24 | 26.8%        | 1,846         |
| Posey          | 23 | 26.0%        | 269           |
| Monroe         | 22 | 25.9%        | 1,280         |
| Brown          | 21 | 25.9%        | 158           |
| Dubois         | 20 | 25.8%        | 515           |
| Whitley        | 19 | 25.6%        | 425           |
| Pike           | 18 | 25.5%        | 157           |
| Benton         | 17 | 25.2%        | 107           |
| Warrick        | 16 | 24.6%        | 676           |
| Jay            | 15 | 24.3%        | 305           |
| Daviess        | 14 | 24.3%        | 470           |
| Martin         | 13 | 24.0%        | 125           |
| Spencer        | 12 | 23.9%        | 259           |
| Hancock        | 11 | 23.9%        | 725           |
| Ripley         | 10 | 23.1%        | 381           |
| Warren         | 9  | 22.3%        | 94            |
| Carroll        | 8  | 22.2%        | 216           |
| Johnson        | 7  | 21.8%        | 1,649         |
| Adams          | 6  | 20.1%        | 581           |
| Hendricks      | 5  | 18.0%        | 1,541         |
| Boone          | 4  | 17.5%        | 624           |
| Tipton         | 3  | 17.0%        | 188           |
| LaGrange       | 2  | 11.6%        | 697           |
| Hamilton       | 1  | 10.1%        | 3,242         |
| <b>Indiana</b> |    | <b>35.6%</b> | <b>86,122</b> |

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team, March, 2003.

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of births to unmarried parents, 92 equals highest percentage of births to unmarried parents

## Stepchildren

**Percent of all children who are stepchildren in family households**

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Stepchildren in Family Households | Stepchildren in Family Households | Total Children in Family Households |
|--------------------|------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Brown County       | 92   | 12.27%  | 500                               | 4,076                               |
| Lawrence County    | 91   | 12.20%  | 1,556                             | 12,759                              |
| Scott County       | 90   | 11.72%  | 828                               | 7,063                               |
| Greene County      | 89   | 10.22%  | 966                               | 9,451                               |
| Jennings County    | 88   | 10.06%  | 845                               | 8,400                               |
| Fayette County     | 87   | 10.00%  | 708                               | 7,081                               |
| Ohio County        | 86   | 9.97%   | 166                               | 1,665                               |
| Putnam County      | 85   | 9.87%   | 934                               | 9,461                               |
| Owen County        | 84   | 9.80%   | 637                               | 6,497                               |
| Vermillion County  | 83   | 9.79%   | 478                               | 4,881                               |
| Switzerland County | 82   | 9.47%   | 264                               | 2,788                               |
| Blackford County   | 81   | 9.44%   | 387                               | 4,099                               |
| Morgan County      | 80   | 9.41%   | 1,950                             | 20,721                              |
| Wayne County       | 79   | 9.38%   | 1,870                             | 19,933                              |
| Montgomery County  | 78   | 9.24%   | 996                               | 10,780                              |
| DeKalb County      | 77   | 9.21%   | 1,182                             | 12,839                              |
| Madison County     | 76   | 9.20%   | 3,412                             | 37,106                              |
| Wells County       | 75   | 9.12%   | 810                               | 8,877                               |
| Washington County  | 74   | 9.08%   | 769                               | 8,469                               |
| White County       | 73   | 9.01%   | 659                               | 7,316                               |
| Knox County        | 72   | 8.97%   | 937                               | 10,441                              |
| Crawford County    | 71   | 8.93%   | 281                               | 3,146                               |
| Miami County       | 70   | 8.92%   | 971                               | 10,882                              |
| Rush County        | 69   | 8.90%   | 491                               | 5,515                               |
| Sullivan County    | 68   | 8.88%   | 526                               | 5,922                               |
| Steuben County     | 67   | 8.87%   | 854                               | 9,630                               |
| Newton County      | 66   | 8.84%   | 397                               | 4,489                               |
| Grant County       | 65   | 8.78%   | 1,710                             | 19,467                              |
| Jay County         | 64   | 8.61%   | 582                               | 6,760                               |
| Pike County        | 63   | 8.55%   | 319                               | 3,729                               |
| Parke County       | 62   | 8.55%   | 410                               | 4,795                               |
| Randolph County    | 61   | 8.55%   | 676                               | 7,907                               |
| Clay County        | 60   | 8.48%   | 676                               | 7,975                               |
| Hancock County     | 59   | 8.36%   | 1,424                             | 17,026                              |
| Noble County       | 58   | 8.18%   | 1,242                             | 15,185                              |
| Orange County      | 57   | 8.12%   | 468                               | 5,762                               |
| Henry County       | 56   | 8.08%   | 1,094                             | 13,540                              |
| Huntington County  | 55   | 8.06%   | 920                               | 11,416                              |
| Dearborn County    | 54   | 8.05%   | 1,225                             | 15,223                              |
| Cass County        | 53   | 8.04%   | 961                               | 11,960                              |
| Fulton County      | 52   | 8.00%   | 473                               | 5,912                               |
| Fountain County    | 51   | 8.00%   | 423                               | 5,290                               |
| Warren County      | 50   | 7.99%   | 198                               | 2,478                               |
| Jefferson County   | 49   | 7.86%   | 690                               | 8,780                               |
| Jackson County     | 48   | 7.74%   | 930                               | 12,012                              |
| Carroll County     | 47   | 7.70%   | 468                               | 6,076                               |

|                    |    |       |         |           |
|--------------------|----|-------|---------|-----------|
| Warrick County     | 46 | 7.65% | 1,259   | 16,462    |
| Clinton County     | 45 | 7.56% | 790     | 10,443    |
| Decatur County     | 44 | 7.54% | 566     | 7,502     |
| Delaware County    | 43 | 7.50% | 2,251   | 30,019    |
| Vigo County        | 42 | 7.49% | 2,060   | 27,521    |
| Marshall County    | 41 | 7.47% | 1,088   | 14,564    |
| Benton County      | 40 | 7.41% | 214     | 2,888     |
| Ripley County      | 39 | 7.38% | 639     | 8,654     |
| Howard County      | 38 | 7.38% | 1,840   | 24,925    |
| Kosciusko County   | 37 | 7.34% | 1,706   | 23,231    |
| Wabash County      | 36 | 7.26% | 710     | 9,776     |
| Franklin County    | 35 | 7.26% | 534     | 7,354     |
| Floyd County       | 34 | 7.21% | 1,590   | 22,052    |
| Posey County       | 33 | 7.15% | 625     | 8,745     |
| Shelby County      | 32 | 7.14% | 941     | 13,178    |
| Harrison County    | 31 | 7.12% | 747     | 10,494    |
| Perry County       | 30 | 7.10% | 371     | 5,224     |
| Jasper County      | 29 | 7.05% | 671     | 9,514     |
| Hendricks County   | 28 | 6.78% | 2,223   | 32,801    |
| Johnson County     | 27 | 6.75% | 2,385   | 35,354    |
| Vanderburgh County | 26 | 6.73% | 3,147   | 46,737    |
| Starke County      | 25 | 6.68% | 497     | 7,442     |
| LaPorte County     | 24 | 6.61% | 2,069   | 31,296    |
| Porter County      | 23 | 6.59% | 2,985   | 45,300    |
| Clark County       | 22 | 6.58% | 1,821   | 27,669    |
| Elkhart County     | 21 | 6.55% | 3,816   | 58,249    |
| Tipton County      | 20 | 6.52% | 313     | 4,797     |
| Boone County       | 19 | 6.32% | 926     | 14,645    |
| Daviess County     | 18 | 6.24% | 623     | 9,982     |
| Pulaski County     | 17 | 6.10% | 264     | 4,328     |
| Marion County      | 16 | 6.10% | 15,038  | 246,646   |
| Bartholomew County | 15 | 6.06% | 1,296   | 21,383    |
| Martin County      | 14 | 6.00% | 187     | 3,118     |
| Spencer County     | 13 | 5.98% | 395     | 6,603     |
| Gibson County      | 12 | 5.93% | 576     | 9,709     |
| Allen County       | 11 | 5.70% | 5,991   | 105,046   |
| Monroe County      | 10 | 5.70% | 1,366   | 23,981    |
| Union County       | 9  | 5.44% | 123     | 2,263     |
| Dubois County      | 8  | 5.40% | 712     | 13,176    |
| Whitley County     | 7  | 5.24% | 504     | 9,623     |
| Tippecanoe County  | 6  | 5.23% | 1,836   | 35,076    |
| Lake County        | 5  | 5.10% | 8,109   | 159,135   |
| St. Joseph County  | 4  | 5.08% | 3,936   | 77,412    |
| Adams County       | 3  | 4.67% | 583     | 12,476    |
| Hamilton County    | 2  | 4.38% | 2,726   | 62,247    |
| LaGrange County    | 1  | 3.77% | 520     | 13,809    |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | 6.79% | 122,832 | 1,808,429 |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of step-children, 92 equals highest percentage of step-children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample data (1 in 6).

## Never Married Adults 30+

### Percentage of Adults 30+ that have never married

| County             | Rank | Percentage of Never Married Adults 30+ | Total Number of Never Married Adults 30+ | Total Number of Adults 30+ |
|--------------------|------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Marion County      | 92   | 15.00%                                 | 72,043                                   | 480,168                    |
| Lake County        | 91   | 12.63%                                 | 35,278                                   | 279,427                    |
| Monroe County      | 90   | 12.02%                                 | 6,704                                    | 55,796                     |
| St. Joseph County  | 89   | 10.93%                                 | 16,231                                   | 148,469                    |
| Allen County       | 88   | 10.19%                                 | 18,869                                   | 185,174                    |
| Tippecanoe County  | 87   | 9.63%                                  | 6,545                                    | 67,957                     |
| Vanderburgh County | 86   | 9.29%                                  | 9,412                                    | 101,348                    |
| Vigo County        | 85   | 8.70%                                  | 5,180                                    | 59,511                     |
| Sullivan County    | 84   | 8.63%                                  | 1,142                                    | 13,239                     |
| LaPorte County     | 83   | 8.61%                                  | 5,716                                    | 66,392                     |
| Wayne County       | 82   | 8.51%                                  | 3,659                                    | 42,983                     |
| Clark County       | 81   | 7.94%                                  | 4,569                                    | 57,527                     |
| Delaware County    | 80   | 7.87%                                  | 5,103                                    | 64,863                     |
| Elkhart County     | 79   | 7.78%                                  | 7,733                                    | 99,399                     |
| Perry County       | 78   | 7.43%                                  | 860                                      | 11,573                     |
| Miami County       | 77   | 7.29%                                  | 1,563                                    | 21,434                     |
| Dubois County      | 76   | 7.24%                                  | 1,691                                    | 23,366                     |
| Franklin County    | 75   | 7.20%                                  | 929                                      | 12,907                     |
| Fayette County     | 74   | 7.20%                                  | 1,115                                    | 15,493                     |
| Grant County       | 73   | 7.05%                                  | 3,053                                    | 43,300                     |
| Howard County      | 72   | 7.02%                                  | 3,550                                    | 50,572                     |
| Cass County        | 71   | 6.96%                                  | 1,678                                    | 24,106                     |
| Floyd County       | 70   | 6.88%                                  | 2,902                                    | 42,167                     |
| Madison County     | 69   | 6.85%                                  | 5,532                                    | 80,790                     |
| Jefferson County   | 68   | 6.83%                                  | 1,278                                    | 18,701                     |
| Ripley County      | 67   | 6.83%                                  | 1,054                                    | 15,435                     |
| Jay County         | 66   | 6.65%                                  | 857                                      | 12,883                     |
| Adams County       | 65   | 6.65%                                  | 1,200                                    | 18,041                     |
| Marshall County    | 64   | 6.60%                                  | 1,709                                    | 25,878                     |
| Steuben County     | 63   | 6.60%                                  | 1,263                                    | 19,145                     |
| Dearborn County    | 62   | 6.42%                                  | 1,747                                    | 27,220                     |
| Parke County       | 61   | 6.42%                                  | 698                                      | 10,876                     |
| Noble County       | 60   | 6.41%                                  | 1,625                                    | 25,336                     |
| Pike County        | 59   | 6.40%                                  | 514                                      | 8,031                      |
| Porter County      | 58   | 6.32%                                  | 5,420                                    | 85,791                     |
| Starke County      | 57   | 6.29%                                  | 876                                      | 13,933                     |
| Crawford County    | 56   | 6.26%                                  | 402                                      | 6,422                      |
| Knox County        | 55   | 6.23%                                  | 1,418                                    | 22,774                     |
| Pulaski County     | 54   | 6.17%                                  | 510                                      | 8,271                      |
| Switzerland County | 53   | 6.15%                                  | 330                                      | 5,367                      |
| Wabash County      | 52   | 6.15%                                  | 1,277                                    | 20,772                     |
| Lawrence County    | 51   | 6.12%                                  | 1,731                                    | 28,287                     |
| Martin County      | 50   | 6.10%                                  | 388                                      | 6,358                      |
| Ohio County        | 49   | 6.07%                                  | 211                                      | 3,478                      |

|                    |    |              |                |                  |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Harrison County    | 48 | 6.06%        | 1,237          | 20,422           |
| Spencer County     | 47 | 6.00%        | 738            | 12,294           |
| Huntington County  | 46 | 5.98%        | 1,323          | 22,132           |
| Owen County        | 45 | 5.96%        | 791            | 13,270           |
| Newton County      | 44 | 5.94%        | 518            | 8,726            |
| Kosciusko County   | 43 | 5.88%        | 2,478          | 42,112           |
| Shelby County      | 42 | 5.88%        | 1,503          | 25,578           |
| Fountain County    | 41 | 5.86%        | 639            | 10,906           |
| LaGrange County    | 40 | 5.77%        | 994            | 17,223           |
| Vermillion County  | 39 | 5.73%        | 598            | 10,431           |
| Johnson County     | 38 | 5.71%        | 3,779          | 66,183           |
| Decatur County     | 37 | 5.70%        | 813            | 14,270           |
| Bartholomew County | 36 | 5.64%        | 2,376          | 42,148           |
| Clinton County     | 35 | 5.59%        | 1,087          | 19,444           |
| Clay County        | 34 | 5.55%        | 876            | 15,796           |
| Orange County      | 33 | 5.44%        | 634            | 11,651           |
| Jasper County      | 32 | 5.41%        | 918            | 16,968           |
| DeKalb County      | 31 | 5.38%        | 1,227          | 22,799           |
| Brown County       | 30 | 5.38%        | 525            | 9,764            |
| Boone County       | 29 | 5.37%        | 1,484          | 27,640           |
| Blackford County   | 28 | 5.35%        | 462            | 8,637            |
| Daviess County     | 27 | 5.34%        | 900            | 16,867           |
| Jackson County     | 26 | 5.34%        | 1,293          | 24,233           |
| Wells County       | 25 | 5.33%        | 867            | 16,253           |
| Gibson County      | 24 | 5.32%        | 1,054          | 19,801           |
| Whitley County     | 23 | 5.29%        | 962            | 18,172           |
| Washington County  | 22 | 5.27%        | 836            | 15,851           |
| Hendricks County   | 21 | 5.26%        | 3,219          | 61,189           |
| Benton County      | 20 | 5.23%        | 292            | 5,586            |
| Randolph County    | 19 | 5.23%        | 873            | 16,701           |
| Hamilton County    | 18 | 5.18%        | 5,398          | 104,235          |
| Hancock County     | 17 | 5.14%        | 1,741          | 33,902           |
| Posey County       | 16 | 5.04%        | 822            | 16,299           |
| White County       | 15 | 5.01%        | 760            | 15,172           |
| Morgan County      | 14 | 4.99%        | 1,968          | 39,451           |
| Tipton County      | 13 | 4.96%        | 509            | 10,255           |
| Henry County       | 12 | 4.93%        | 1,491          | 30,233           |
| Scott County       | 11 | 4.89%        | 648            | 13,248           |
| Warrick County     | 10 | 4.84%        | 1,532          | 31,626           |
| Rush County        | 9  | 4.74%        | 516            | 10,897           |
| Carroll County     | 8  | 4.73%        | 573            | 12,111           |
| Fulton County      | 7  | 4.72%        | 584            | 12,381           |
| Greene County      | 6  | 4.67%        | 954            | 20,422           |
| Warren County      | 5  | 4.65%        | 243            | 5,224            |
| Montgomery County  | 4  | 4.63%        | 1,026          | 22,168           |
| Jennings County    | 3  | 4.53%        | 713            | 15,736           |
| Union County       | 2  | 4.34%        | 189            | 4,357            |
| Putnam County      | 1  | 4.31%        | 888            | 20,609           |
| <b>Indiana</b>     |    | <b>8.66%</b> | <b>301,416</b> | <b>3,482,333</b> |

Ranking: 1 equals lowest percentage of adults, 92 equalst highest percentage of adults

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Sample Data (1 in 6) for "Total Number of Never Married Adults 30+"

## Marriage Rate

Rates are number of people newly married per 1000 population 15+

| County             | Rank | Rate | Number of Marriages(2000) | Total Population 15 years and older |
|--------------------|------|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Spencer County     | 92   | 7.01 | 112                       | 15,970                              |
| Hamilton County    | 91   | 7.20 | 969                       | 134,505                             |
| Posey County       | 90   | 7.39 | 155                       | 20,966                              |
| Switzerland County | 89   | 7.44 | 53                        | 7,122                               |
| Vanderburgh County | 88   | 7.67 | 1,066                     | 138,895                             |
| Pike County        | 87   | 7.68 | 79                        | 10,292                              |
| Dearborn County    | 86   | 7.86 | 280                       | 35,640                              |
| Knox County        | 85   | 7.99 | 256                       | 32,047                              |
| Franklin County    | 84   | 8.12 | 138                       | 16,993                              |
| Parke County       | 83   | 8.21 | 114                       | 13,890                              |
| Warrick County     | 82   | 8.22 | 336                       | 40,871                              |
| Newton County      | 81   | 8.28 | 95                        | 11,467                              |
| Monroe County      | 80   | 8.34 | 856                       | 102,628                             |
| Lake County        | 79   | 8.37 | 3,160                     | 377,333                             |
| Daviess County     | 78   | 8.38 | 190                       | 22,665                              |
| Dubois County      | 77   | 8.50 | 261                       | 30,703                              |
| Tipton County      | 76   | 8.57 | 113                       | 13,186                              |
| Porter County      | 75   | 8.75 | 1,018                     | 116,281                             |
| Floyd County       | 74   | 8.79 | 489                       | 55,606                              |
| Jefferson County   | 73   | 8.81 | 223                       | 25,311                              |
| Fountain County    | 72   | 8.89 | 125                       | 14,067                              |
| Boone County       | 71   | 8.94 | 315                       | 35,232                              |
| Tippecanoe County  | 70   | 9.12 | 1,122                     | 122,970                             |
| Harrison County    | 69   | 9.16 | 248                       | 27,071                              |
| Gibson County      | 68   | 9.16 | 237                       | 25,863                              |
| Henry County       | 67   | 9.18 | 357                       | 38,876                              |
| Carroll County     | 66   | 9.20 | 145                       | 15,769                              |
| Warren County      | 65   | 9.26 | 61                        | 6,584                               |
| Wabash County      | 64   | 9.27 | 260                       | 28,045                              |
| Hendricks County   | 63   | 9.30 | 744                       | 79,969                              |
| Randolph County    | 62   | 9.38 | 203                       | 21,646                              |
| Delaware County    | 61   | 9.39 | 912                       | 97,084                              |
| Martin County      | 60   | 9.47 | 78                        | 8,239                               |
| Clinton County     | 59   | 9.50 | 249                       | 26,216                              |
| Vigo County        | 58   | 9.52 | 817                       | 85,823                              |
| Hancock County     | 57   | 9.56 | 414                       | 43,316                              |
| Madison County     | 56   | 9.58 | 1,024                     | 106,937                             |
| Ohio County        | 55   | 9.59 | 43                        | 4,484                               |
| Putnam County      | 54   | 9.62 | 279                       | 29,002                              |
| Grant County       | 53   | 9.67 | 569                       | 58,828                              |
| Sullivan County    | 52   | 9.67 | 172                       | 17,780                              |
| Johnson County     | 51   | 9.68 | 862                       | 89,056                              |
| Greene County      | 50   | 9.77 | 258                       | 26,410                              |
| Morgan County      | 49   | 9.89 | 511                       | 51,666                              |

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|----------------------|----|-------|--------|-----------|
| Pulaski County       | 48 | 9.97  | 107    | 10,731    |
| LaPorte County       | 47 | 10.04 | 883    | 87,918    |
| Adams County         | 46 | 10.06 | 251    | 24,946    |
| Wells County         | 45 | 10.09 | 216    | 21,402    |
| Blackford County     | 44 | 10.14 | 113    | 11,148    |
| Owen County          | 43 | 10.15 | 173    | 17,038    |
| Fayette County       | 42 | 10.19 | 208    | 20,422    |
| St. Joseph County    | 41 | 10.21 | 2,129  | 208,552   |
| Perry County         | 40 | 10.26 | 158    | 15,403    |
| Vermillion County    | 39 | 10.30 | 139    | 13,490    |
| Washington County    | 38 | 10.31 | 219    | 21,235    |
| Wayne County         | 37 | 10.41 | 591    | 56,787    |
| Jasper County        | 36 | 10.44 | 243    | 23,280    |
| Crawford County      | 35 | 10.53 | 89     | 8,451     |
| Rush County          | 34 | 10.59 | 150    | 14,165    |
| Whitley County       | 33 | 10.75 | 257    | 23,907    |
| Clay County          | 32 | 10.75 | 225    | 20,923    |
| Fulton County        | 31 | 10.77 | 174    | 16,158    |
| Cass County          | 30 | 10.77 | 349    | 32,401    |
| Marion County        | 29 | 10.80 | 7,266  | 673,028   |
| Clark County         | 28 | 10.80 | 832    | 77,038    |
| Kosciusko County     | 27 | 10.82 | 617    | 57,042    |
| Union County         | 26 | 10.83 | 62     | 5,725     |
| Allen County         | 25 | 10.83 | 2,760  | 254,824   |
| Shelby County        | 24 | 10.86 | 368    | 33,899    |
| Montgomery County    | 23 | 11.12 | 328    | 29,506    |
| Marshall County      | 22 | 11.16 | 388    | 34,758    |
| Miami County         | 21 | 11.28 | 320    | 28,381    |
| Noble County         | 20 | 11.35 | 399    | 35,157    |
| Bartholomew County   | 19 | 11.58 | 642    | 55,418    |
| DeKalb County        | 18 | 11.62 | 358    | 30,798    |
| Jay County           | 17 | 11.63 | 196    | 16,860    |
| Lawrence County      | 16 | 11.89 | 435    | 36,597    |
| Elkhart County       | 15 | 11.89 | 1,644  | 138,268   |
| Ripley County        | 14 | 11.97 | 243    | 20,295    |
| Huntington County    | 13 | 12.08 | 361    | 29,877    |
| Benton County        | 12 | 12.17 | 89     | 7,311     |
| Howard County        | 11 | 12.20 | 817    | 66,949    |
| Jackson County       | 10 | 12.25 | 398    | 32,496    |
| Starke County        | 9  | 12.55 | 231    | 18,413    |
| Jennings County      | 8  | 12.83 | 271    | 21,126    |
| LaGrange County      | 7  | 13.01 | 327    | 25,139    |
| Decatur County       | 6  | 13.15 | 252    | 19,165    |
| Brown County         | 5  | 13.16 | 160    | 12,156    |
| White County         | 4  | 13.31 | 265    | 19,915    |
| Orange County        | 3  | 14.51 | 220    | 15,157    |
| Scott County         | 2  | 15.45 | 277    | 17,934    |
| Steuben County       | 1  | 16.02 | 419    | 26,147    |
| <b>Indiana Total</b> |    | 9.97  | 47,587 | 4,771,040 |

Ranking: 1 equals highest marriage rate, 92 equals lowest marriage rate.

Sources: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team;  
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Married-Couple Households

| County             | Ranking | % of Married-Couple Family Households | Total Married-Couple Families | Total Households |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Marion County      | 92      | 41.6766%                              | 146,770                       | 352,164          |
| Monroe County      | 91      | 41.7246%                              | 19,568                        | 46,898           |
| Tippecanoe County  | 90      | 47.2404%                              | 26,089                        | 55,226           |
| Vanderburgh County | 89      | 48.3978%                              | 34,180                        | 70,623           |
| Vigo County        | 88      | 48.9439%                              | 20,066                        | 40,998           |
| Lake County        | 87      | 49.7244%                              | 90,316                        | 181,633          |
| Delaware County    | 86      | 49.8674%                              | 23,503                        | 47,131           |
| St. Joseph County  | 85      | 50.8412%                              | 51,219                        | 100,743          |
| Allen County       | 84      | 51.7713%                              | 66,653                        | 128,745          |
| Knox County        | 83      | 52.6170%                              | 8,183                         | 15,552           |
| Clark County       | 82      | 52.6386%                              | 20,398                        | 38,751           |
| Howard County      | 81      | 52.7414%                              | 18,354                        | 34,800           |
| Madison County     | 80      | 53.4381%                              | 28,350                        | 53,052           |
| Wayne County       | 79      | 53.9745%                              | 15,366                        | 28,469           |
| LaPorte County     | 78      | 54.5725%                              | 22,402                        | 41,050           |
| Grant County       | 77      | 54.7159%                              | 15,495                        | 28,319           |
| Jefferson County   | 76      | 55.6964%                              | 6,766                         | 12,148           |
| Floyd County       | 75      | 55.9376%                              | 15,389                        | 27,511           |
| Fayette County     | 74      | 56.1526%                              | 5,727                         | 10,199           |
| Steuben County     | 73      | 56.4924%                              | 7,196                         | 12,738           |
| Cass County        | 72      | 56.7101%                              | 8,912                         | 15,715           |
| Vermillion County  | 71      | 56.8323%                              | 3,843                         | 6,762            |
| Perry County       | 70      | 57.2765%                              | 4,164                         | 7,270            |
| Elkhart County     | 69      | 57.9678%                              | 38,348                        | 66,154           |
| Clinton County     | 68      | 58.0231%                              | 7,279                         | 12,545           |
| Lawrence County    | 67      | 58.2088%                              | 10,789                        | 18,535           |
| Blackford County   | 66      | 58.2953%                              | 3,317                         | 5,690            |
| Orange County      | 65      | 58.3782%                              | 4,449                         | 7,621            |
| Wabash County      | 64      | 58.3882%                              | 7,716                         | 13,215           |
| Martin County      | 63      | 58.4031%                              | 2,443                         | 4,183            |
| Fulton County      | 62      | 58.4880%                              | 4,727                         | 8,082            |
| Sullivan County    | 61      | 58.5497%                              | 4,578                         | 7,819            |
| Scott County       | 60      | 58.6504%                              | 5,180                         | 8,832            |
| Crawford County    | 59      | 58.6941%                              | 2,454                         | 4,181            |
| Montgomery County  | 58      | 58.7941%                              | 8,581                         | 14,595           |
| Randolph County    | 57      | 58.8004%                              | 6,431                         | 10,937           |
| Jackson County     | 56      | 58.8462%                              | 9,446                         | 16,052           |
| Gibson County      | 55      | 58.8853%                              | 7,565                         | 12,847           |
| Fountain County    | 54      | 59.0683%                              | 4,159                         | 7,041            |
| Bartholomew County | 53      | 59.0743%                              | 16,503                        | 27,936           |
| Switzerland County | 52      | 59.1849%                              | 2,033                         | 3,435            |
| Jay County         | 51      | 59.4527%                              | 4,997                         | 8,405            |
| Shelby County      | 50      | 59.5314%                              | 9,859                         | 16,561           |
| Parke County       | 49      | 59.6571%                              | 3,827                         | 6,415            |
| Henry County       | 48      | 59.6993%                              | 11,633                        | 19,486           |

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|-------------------|----|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Miami County      | 47 | 59.7477% | 8,195     | 13,716    |
| Greene County     | 46 | 59.8340% | 8,001     | 13,372    |
| Rush County       | 45 | 59.8440% | 4,143     | 6,923     |
| Huntington County | 44 | 59.8863% | 8,529     | 14,242    |
| White County      | 43 | 59.9671% | 5,833     | 9,727     |
| Porter County     | 42 | 59.9846% | 32,781    | 54,649    |
| Clay County       | 41 | 60.0431% | 6,134     | 10,216    |
| Daviess County    | 40 | 60.1157% | 6,549     | 10,894    |
| Decatur County    | 39 | 60.2620% | 5,658     | 9,389     |
| Pulaski County    | 38 | 60.2901% | 3,117     | 5,170     |
| DeKalb County     | 37 | 60.5854% | 9,169     | 15,134    |
| Starke County     | 36 | 60.5950% | 5,296     | 8,740     |
| Benton County     | 35 | 61.0455% | 2,172     | 3,558     |
| Wells County      | 34 | 61.2478% | 6,371     | 10,402    |
| Ripley County     | 33 | 61.4001% | 6,043     | 9,842     |
| Marshall County   | 32 | 61.4020% | 10,143    | 16,519    |
| Pike County       | 31 | 61.5745% | 3,152     | 5,119     |
| Noble County      | 30 | 61.6735% | 10,297    | 16,696    |
| Jennings County   | 29 | 61.7130% | 6,254     | 10,134    |
| Whitley County    | 28 | 61.7454% | 7,231     | 11,711    |
| Washington County | 27 | 61.8083% | 6,344     | 10,264    |
| Owen County       | 26 | 61.8450% | 5,122     | 8,282     |
| Kosciusko County  | 25 | 62.0386% | 16,926    | 27,283    |
| Dubois County     | 24 | 62.0806% | 9,196     | 14,813    |
| Adams County      | 23 | 62.2356% | 7,355     | 11,818    |
| Harrison County   | 22 | 62.6539% | 8,093     | 12,917    |
| Johnson County    | 21 | 62.6903% | 26,602    | 42,434    |
| Dearborn County   | 20 | 62.8624% | 10,581    | 16,832    |
| Tipton County     | 19 | 63.3637% | 4,099     | 6,469     |
| Putnam County     | 18 | 63.4314% | 7,849     | 12,374    |
| Ohio County       | 17 | 63.4711% | 1,397     | 2,201     |
| Carroll County    | 16 | 63.6693% | 4,914     | 7,718     |
| Boone County      | 15 | 63.8897% | 10,913    | 17,081    |
| Union County      | 14 | 63.9814% | 1,787     | 2,793     |
| Newton County     | 13 | 64.5693% | 3,448     | 5,340     |
| Morgan County     | 12 | 64.5701% | 15,779    | 24,437    |
| Brown County      | 11 | 64.7787% | 3,820     | 5,897     |
| Posey County      | 10 | 64.8114% | 6,614     | 10,205    |
| Warren County     | 9  | 65.8590% | 2,120     | 3,219     |
| Spencer County    | 8  | 65.8607% | 4,985     | 7,569     |
| Jasper County     | 7  | 66.0865% | 7,062     | 10,686    |
| Franklin County   | 6  | 66.4718% | 5,230     | 7,868     |
| Warrick County    | 5  | 67.1931% | 13,061    | 19,438    |
| Hancock County    | 4  | 68.0857% | 14,106    | 20,718    |
| LaGrange County   | 3  | 68.1069% | 7,645     | 11,225    |
| Hendricks County  | 2  | 68.1073% | 25,387    | 37,275    |
| Hamilton County   | 1  | 68.2890% | 45,025    | 65,933    |
| <b>Indiana</b>    |    | 54.18%   | 1,265,751 | 2,336,306 |

Ranking: 1 equals highest percentage of married couple households, 92 equals lowest percentage of married couple households

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