

## Birth, Marriage and Death Records: Researching Vital Records in Indiana Adapted from the Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division

Note: The EVPL has access only to those records that have been made available to the public under Indiana law. We do not have original records and we are not authorized to provide certified copies of records.

### Birth and Death Records

Indiana did not issue birth or death records until 1882, and such records were not mandatory until 1907. Before 1907, what records do exist were not collected at the state level. Birth and death certificates may be obtained from the health department in the county where the birth occurred.

Under Indiana law, birth records are not publicly accessible for 75 years to protect privacy and identity. If you need a more recent record, see the Indiana Department of Health Vital Records Division for information on how to proceed. If you are researching birth records pertaining to an adoption, see the Indiana State Department of Health for more information on obtaining records.

Official local (Vanderburgh County) [birth records](#) can be obtained through the [Vanderburgh County Department of Health](#). Official (local) [death records](#) can also be obtained through the Vanderburgh County Department of Health.

### Electronic Access for Indiana Vital Records (including SW Indiana)

Database Title	Date Range	Record Type	Source	Availability	Coverage
Indiana Birth Certificates	1907-1940	Full Records	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Statewide
Indiana Births	1882-1920	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	67/92 counties
Indiana Death Certificates	1899-2011	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	Statewide
Indiana Death Index	1882-1920	Index	FamilySearch	<a href="#">Online</a>	67/92 counties
Indiana Deaths	1882-1920	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	67/92 counties

## Marriage Records

Marriage Records have always been mandatory in Indiana, and each county began to issue marriage licenses as it was created. However, the records were not collected at the state level until 1958, so no database holds all records prior to that period. Online database holdings for the 1930s-1950s are particularly incomplete. Original records are held by the clerk of court in the county where the marriage license was issued (this may be a different county than where the ceremony was performed).

For copies (including certified copies) of marriage licenses (current or historical) issued in Vanderburgh County (records from 1835-current year) you can also refer to the [Vanderburgh County Clerk's office](#).

## Electronic Access to Indiana Marriage Records (including SW Indiana)

Database Title	Date Range	Record Type	Source	Availability	Coverage
Indiana Marriages	1810-2001	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriages	1811-2007	Full records	FamilySearch	<a href="#">Online</a>	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriage Certificates	1958-2005	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriages	1780-1992	Index	FamilySearch	<a href="#">Online</a>	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriage Index	1800-1940	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriages	Early 1800s-1850	Index	Indiana State Library	<a href="#">Online</a>	Statewide
Indiana Compiled Marriages	1802-1892	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In Library	Not Statewide
Indiana Marriages	1958-2017	Index	Indiana State Library	<a href="#">Online</a>	Statewide
Marriage License Public Lookup	1993-present	Index	Indiana Office of Judicial Administration	<a href="#">Online</a>	Statewide

## Records of Divorce

To request a certified copy of a divorce decree, [contact the clerk's office](#) in the county where the marriage occurred.

Information about dates of marriage and divorce may be searched online, but marriage licenses or certificates are not available for these records:

[Search mycase.in.gov for divorce cases](#) For help searching marriage or divorce records, [contact the clerk's office](#) in your county or seek help from the [Indiana State Library](#).

### **Criminal history, arrest or other police records**

These are records maintained by law enforcement agencies and not by courts. [The Indiana State Police](#) offers criminal history services, and the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) offers an Identity History Summary.

To find contact information for local law enforcement, see [mylocal.in.gov](#) and select your county or city from the list.

You may search [mycase.in.gov](#) for criminal court records, but this website is not for conducting a complete criminal history. The site does not include records for all courts in Indiana, and how far back the records go varies by county.