

### Same-Gender Marriages by State of Residence, by Year

#### 2009-2012 Iowa Occurrence Data

STATE	2009	2010	2011	2012
Alabama	6	7	8	*
Alaska	*	*	*	*
Arizona	14	17	7	18
Arkansas	9	20	9	25
California	12	18	20	29
Colorado	25	40	29	31
Dist. of Columbia	*	*	*	*
Florida	24	25	19	14
Georgia	13	13	12	6
Hawaii	*	*	*	*
Idaho	*	*	*	*
Illinois	172	200	105	67
Indiana	38	66	62	52
Iowa	739	431	324	272
Kansas	56	55	52	82
Kentucky	11	21	12	9
Louisiana	*	*	10	12
Maine	*	*	*	*
Maryland	*	*	*	*
Massachusetts	*	*	*	*
Michigan	18	26	22	17
Minnesota	100	86	78	71
Mississippi	*	*	6	6
Missouri	130	163	145	151
Montana	*	*	*	*
Nebraska	101	73	64	64
Nevada	*	*	*	*
New Jersey	*	*	*	*
New Mexico	7	9	17	13
New York	11	*	8	*
North Carolina	7	7	7	*
North Dakota	*	6	6	*
Ohio	13	13	14	8
Oklahoma	25	35	37	67
Oregon	*	*	7	*
Pennsylvania	8	*	*	*
Remainder of World	*	*	*	*
South Carolina	*	*	*	*
South Dakota	13	12	9	9
Tennessee	16	24	20	7
Texas	45	66	57	66
Utah	7	*	6	7
Virginia	6	*	*	*
Washington	9	8	6	7
West Virginia	*	*	*	*
Wisconsin	53	46	35	37
Wyoming	*	*	7	*
Mixed States	49	63	58	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,247</b>

\* Counts of 5 or fewer are masked for confidentiality.

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couples who left the state to wed; 105 same-sex marriages were reported from Illinois that year. Last year saw even fewer with just 67 same-sex marriages from Illinois.

Numbers are not yet available for 2013, but some have predicted that equal marriage states will see an increase in same-sex marriages as the effective strike down of the Defense of Marriage Act will allow same-sex married couples access to many federal benefits that were previously denied, even if the state they live in does not recognize same-sex marriage. Attorneys have advised Illinois same-sex couples to consider leaving Illinois to get married, rather than getting Illinois civil unions.

In past years, a higher percentage of lesbian

couples from Illinois had same-sex marriages than gay men. Of the 544 same-sex couples to wed from Illinois, 336 were categorized as female/female; 208 were categorized as male/male. Iowa also records "other" and "blank" as gender categories for marriages. Those numbers were not available for Illinois specifically, but totals are available for all states combined. Altogether, marriages involving partners that identified as "other" or "blank" totaled 3,262 from 2009-2012.

Below is a breakdown of numbers available. Data is courtesy of the Iowa Department of Public Health, with additional breakdowns by Windy City Times.

Editor's note: Because numbers are not yet available for 2013, these numbers range from

### Numbers of Illinois couples who married in Iowa

YEAR	2009 <i>(Marriages begin in May)</i>	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL ALL YEARS
Female/Female	96	130	67	43	336
Male/Male	76	70	38	24	208
Same-sex total	172	200	105	67	544
Heterosexual and same-sex marriages total	534	589	488	395	2,006

### Couples where one or more partners identified gender as "other" or "blank" (all states)

YEAR	2009 <i>(Marriages begin in May)</i>	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL ALL YEARS
Number	901	814	774	773	3,262

YEAR	MARRIAGES	
	SAME-SEX	TOTAL
2000	N/A	21,792
2001	N/A	21,127
2002	N/A	20,406
2003	N/A	20,371
2004	N/A	20,455
2005	N/A	20,419
2006	N/A	20,060
2007	N/A	19,895
2008	N/A	19,566
2009	1,783	21,139
2010	1,594	20,880
2011	1,302	18,457
2012	1,247	20,986

### Iowa marriages: By the numbers

**544**

The number of same-sex Illinois couples to wed in Iowa.

**9**

The percentage of Iowa same-sex marriages between Illinois residents.

**27**

The percentage of Illinois residents to wed in Iowa who were same-sex couples.

**70**

The percentage of Iowa same-sex marriages that were of out-of-state couples.

May 2009 (when Iowa same-sex marriages began) through 2012. The data below is based on information provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

In states that reported less than five same-sex Iowa marriages, the number was not published by the department for confidentiality reasons. Those numbers are therefore not included.

For Illinois, the Iowa Department of Public Health provided a gender breakdown of couples in the categories of "Male/Male" and "Female/Female." However, the state also allows couples to identify as "other" and "blank." Iowa provided data on the total number of couples (in all states and categories) where a partner identified as "other" or "blank." That data has been included separately below.

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