



DHSC Statsheet

Delaware Health Statistics Center

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, the youngest person to divorce was 19 and the oldest was 90.

In 2019, the shortest marriage lasted 34 days and the longest marriage lasted 61 years.

There were 1,197 children under the age of 18 whose parents divorced in 2019.

In 2019, 43% of divorces involved a spouse with a Bachelor's degree or higher and 3% of divorces involved a spouse with less than a high school diploma.

There were 246 divorces between mixed race couples and 2,129 divorces between same race couples in 2019.

Additional Source:

¹ <https://www.cdcc.gov/nchs/fastats/marriage-divorce.html>

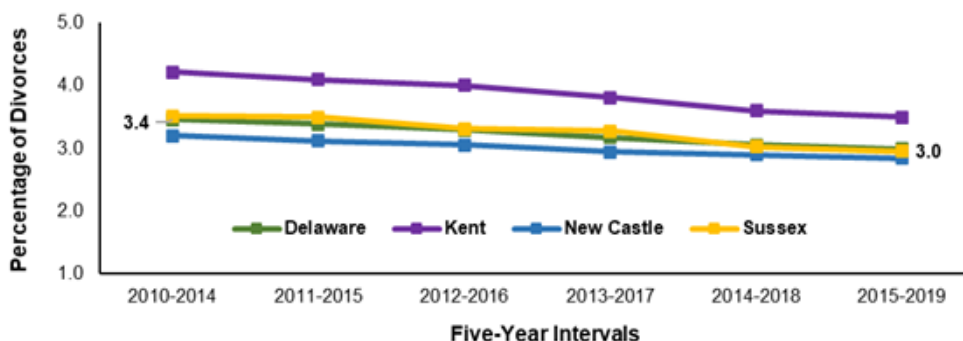
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DIVORCE IN DELAWARE, 2019

There were 2,839 divorces in Delaware in 2019, a 10% decrease from 2010 (3,152) but a 5% increase from 2018 (2,709). In 2019, Delaware's divorce rate of 2.9 divorces per 1,000 population was slightly higher than the U.S. rate of 2.7 divorces per 1,000 population.

In 2015-2019, Kent County had the highest five-year average divorce rate of 3.5 divorces per 1,000 population whereas New Castle County had the lowest at 2.8 divorces per 1,000 population. Overall, Delaware's five-year average divorce rate fell 12% from 3.4 divorces per 1,000 population in 2010-2014 to 3.0 divorces per 1,000 population in 2015-2019.

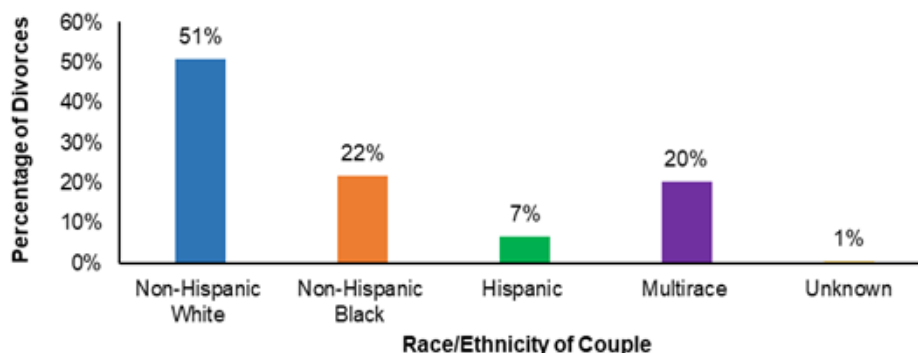
Figure 1. Five-Year Average Divorce Rates by County, Delaware, 2010-2019



Source: Delaware Department of Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

Same race couples made up 80% of the divorces in 2019. Fifty-one percent of divorces occurred among non-Hispanic white couples, 22% of divorces occurred among non-Hispanic black couples, and 7% of divorces occurred among Hispanic couples. Multirace couples accounted for 20% of the divorces for the same time period. The total number of divorces decreased 10% between 2010 and 2019. During the same time period, divorces increased 75% among Hispanic couples and 65% among multirace couples. Non-Hispanic white couples experienced a 16% decrease in divorces from 61% in 2010 to 51% in 2019.

Figure 2. Percentage of Divorces by Race of Couple, Delaware, 2019



Source: Delaware Department of Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center