

MARRIAGE TAPE FILES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1968 and BEYOND

Outline of Tape Record

These files represent a sample of marriages performed in the Marriage Registration Area. There is one tape record for each sample marriage formatted according to the outline of items and codes on the pages which follow. The outline is arranged by location of the items in the tape record.

Tape characteristics are as follows:

Record length = 85 characters (1968 & 1969)

140 characters (1970 & beyond)

Blocksize = 1700 characters (1968 & 1969)

2800 characters (1970 and beyond)

(20 records per block)

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Tape Location	Size of Field	Code Outline
1	1	<u>YEAR</u> (Last digit of data year)
2-7	6	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u> This number is assigned within each reporting area.
8-11		<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u> <u>Region</u> - (Computer generated) 0 ... Possessions 1 ... Northeast 2 ... North Central 3 ... South 4 ... West <u>Division</u> - (Computer generated) 0 ... Possessions 1 ... New England (Northeast Region) 2 ... Middle Atlantic (Northeast Region) 3 ... East North Central (North Central Region) 4 ... West North Central (North Central Region) 5 ... South Atlantic (South Region) 6 ... East South Central (South Region) 7 ... West South Central (South Region) 8 ... Mountain (West Region) 9 ... Pacific (West Region) <u>State of Marriage</u> - See List of Reporting States (Attachment #1)
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<u>12-16</u> 12-13	2	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u> <u>Month</u> 01 ... January 07 ... July 02 ... February 08 ... August 03 ... March 09 ... September 04 ... April 10 ... October 05 ... May 11 ... November 06 ... June 12 ... December
14-15	2	<u>Day</u> 01-31 ... Jan., Mar., May, July, Aug., Oct., Dec. 01-30 ... Apr., June, Sept., Nov. 01-28 (or 29) ... Feb.
16	1	<u>Day of Week - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Sunday 5 ... Thursday 2 ... Monday 6 ... Friday 3 ... Tuesday 7 ... Saturday 4 ... Wednesday
17	1	<u>Type of Ceremony</u> *1 ... Civil *2 ... Religious 9 ... Not Stated *1972 and later
18-20	3	<u>Weight of Record - (Computer generated)</u> Each record is assigned a weight based on the sampling fraction of the reporting State.

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<u>21-49</u>		<u>GROOM DATA</u>
<u>21-25</u>		<u>PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
21	1	<u>Resident Status Recode #1 - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Resident in State of marriage. 2 ... Resident of other State or outside U.S. 3 ... Place of Residence not stated.
22	1	<u>Resident Status Recode #2 - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Resident in State of marriage. 2 ... Resident of adjoining State. 3 ... Resident of other State or outside U.S. 4 ... Place of Residence not stated.
23-24	2	<u>State of Residence</u> 01-51 (50 States and Dist. of Columbia) *52 ... Puerto Rico *53 ... Virgin Islands *54 ... Guam *55 ... Canada *56 ... Cuba *57 ... Mexico *58 ... Other Western Hemisphere *59 ... Remainder of World 98 ... Foreign Resident (1968 & 1969 only) 99 ... Not Stated *(1970 and later)
25	1	<u>Blank</u>

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<u>21-49</u> <u>26-29</u> 26	1	<u>GROOM DATA--Cont'd.</u> <u>PLACE OF BIRTH - Nativity</u> <u>Nativity Status Recode #1 - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Born in State of Marriage. 2 ... Born in adjoining State. 3 ... Born in other State or outside U.S. 4 ... Unknown or not stated State of Birth (Includes all 1968 records).
27	1	<u>Nativity Status Recode #2 - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Born in State of Marriage. 2 ... Born in adjoining State <u>and</u> resident of State of Birth. 3 ... Born in adjoining State <u>and not</u> resident of State of Birth. 4 ... Born in adjoining State and residence not stated. 5 ... Born in other State or outside U.S. <u>and</u> resident of State of Birth. 6 ... Born in other State or outside U.S. <u>and not</u> resident of State of Birth. 7 ... Born in other State or outside U.S. and residence not stated. 8 ... State of Birth unknown or not stated. (Includes all 1968 records).
28-29	2	<u>State of Birth</u> Same codes as State of Residence (positions 23-24).

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<u>21-49</u> <u>30-31</u> 30 31	 1 1	<u>GROOM DATA--Cont'd.</u> <u>RACE</u> <u>Recode - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... White 2 ... All other races 3 ... Not stated <u>Detail</u> 1 ... White 2 ... Negro 3 ... Other races 8 ... Not on Certificate 9 ... Not stated
<u>32-33</u> 32 33	 1 1	<u>NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE</u> <u>Recode - (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... First marriage 2 ... Second marriage 3 ... Three or more marriages 4 ... Unknown or not stated <u>Detail Code</u> 1-8 ... Times married 9 ... Married 9 or more times Ø ... Remarried - times unknown X(NUM) ... Unknown or not stated V(NUM) ... Not on certificate

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<u>21-49</u>		<u>GROOM DATA</u> --Cont'd.
<u>34-36</u>		<u>PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS</u>
34	1	<u>Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ... Single 2 ... Remarried 3 ... Not on certificate or not stated
35	1	<u>Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ... Single 2 ... Widowed 3 ... Divorced or Annulled 4 ... Remarried, Status unknown 5 ... Not on certificate or not stated
36	1	<u>Detail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ... Single 2 ... Widowed 3 ... Divorced 4 ... Annulled 9 ... Unknown or not stated Ø ... Remarried, Status unknown V(NUM) ... Not on Certificate

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<u>21-49</u> <u>37-40</u> 37-38 39-40	 2 2	<u>GROOM DATA</u> --Cont'd. <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> <u>Month</u> 01 ... January 08 ... August 02 ... February 09 ... September 03 ... March 10 ... October 04 ... April 11 ... November 05 ... May 12 ... December 06 ... June 99 ... Unknown 07 ... July <u>Year</u> *74-99 1874-1899 *00-56 or more ... 1900-1956 or later XX(NUM) ... Unknown *The valid year of birth codes will vary by data year so as to allow a <u>minimum</u> age at marriage of 12 years, and a <u>maximum</u> age at marriage of 94 years.
<u>41-49</u> 41-42	 2	<u>AGE AT MARRIAGE</u> <u>Detail</u> 12-94 ... Years of age after editing <u>All unknown ages have been allocated.</u>

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<u>21-49</u>		<u>GROOM DATA</u> --Cont'd.
<u>41-49</u>		<u>AGE AT MARRIAGE</u> --Cont'd.
43	1	<u>Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ... 12-17 years 2 ... 18-19 years 3 ... 20-24 years 4 ... 25-29 years 5 ... 30-34 years 6 ... 35-44 years 7 ... 45-54 years 8 ... 55-64 years 9 ... 65 years and over
44	1	<u>Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ... 12-13 years 2 ... 14-17 years 3 ... 18-19 years 4 ... 20-24 years 5 ... 25-44 years 6 ... 45-64 years 7 ... 65 years and over

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<u>21-49</u>		<u>GROOM DATA</u> -- Cont'd.
<u>41-49</u>		<u>AGE AT MARRIAGE</u> -- Cont'd.
45-46	2	<u>Recode #3</u> - (Computer generated) 17 ... 12-17 years 18 ... 18 years 19 ... 19 years 20 ... 20 years 21 ... 21 years 22 ... 22 years 23 ... 23 years 24 ... 24 years 25 ... 25 years 26 ... 26 years 27 ... 27 years 28 ... 28 years 29 ... 29 years 30 ... 30-34 years 31 ... 35-44 years 32 ... 45-54 years 33 ... 55-64 years 34 ... 65 years and over

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<u>21-49</u>		<u>GROOM DATA</u> --Cont'd.
<u>41-49</u>		<u>AGE AT MARRIAGE</u> --Cont'd.
<u>47-48</u>	2	<u>Recode #4</u> - (Computer generated) 13 ... 12-13 years 14 ... 14 years EACH SINGLE YEAR THROUGH 54 ... 54 years 55 ... 55-59 years 56 ... 60-64 years 57 ... 65-69 years 58 ... 70-74 years 59 ... 75 years and over

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<u>50-78</u> <u>50-54</u> 50 51 52-53 54	1 1 2 1	<u>BRIDE DATA</u> <u>PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u> <u>Resident Status Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 21. <u>Resident Status Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 22. <u>State of Residence</u> Same codes as in Characters 23-24. <u>Blank</u>
<u>55-58</u> 55 56 57-58	1 1 2	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u> - Nativity <u>Nativity Status Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 26. <u>Nativity Status Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 27. <u>State of Birth</u> Same codes as in Characters 23-24.

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<u>50-78</u>		<u>BRIDE DATA--Cont'd.</u>
<u>59-60</u>		<u>RACE</u>
59	1	<u>Recode</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 30.
60	1	<u>Detail</u> Same codes as in Character 31.
<u>61-62</u>		<u>NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE</u>
61	1	<u>Recode</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 32.
62	1	<u>Detail</u> Same codes as in Character 33.
<u>63-65</u>		<u>PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS</u>
63	1	<u>Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 34.
64	1	<u>Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 35.
65	1	<u>Detail</u> Same codes as in Character 36.

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<u>50-78</u>		<u>BRIDE DATA</u> --Cont'd.
<u>66-69</u>		<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
66-67	2	<u>Month</u> Same codes as in Characters 37-38.
68-69	2	<u>Year</u> Same codes as in Characters 39-40.
<u>70-78</u>		<u>AGE AT MARRIAGE</u>
70-71	2	<u>Detail</u> Same codes as in Characters 41-42.
72	1	<u>Recode #1</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 43.
73	1	<u>Recode #2</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 44.
74-75	2	<u>Recode #3</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Characters 45-46.
76-77	2	<u>Recode #4</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Characters 47-48.
78	1	<u>Special Age Recode</u> - (Computer generated) Same codes as in Character 49.

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Tape Location	Size of Field	Code Outline
79	1	<u>MRA IDENTIFICATION (1970 only)</u> 1 = MRA STATES 2 = NON-MRA STATES
80-81	2	<u>GROOM - EDUCATION (Effective 1970 data)</u> 00 ... No ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 01 ... 1 year ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 02 ... 2 years " " 03 ... 3 years " " 04 ... 4 years " " 05 ... 5 years " " 06 ... 6 years " " 07 ... 7 years " " 08 ... 8 years " " 09 ... 1 year High School 10 ... 2 years " " 11 ... 3 years " " 12 ... 4 years " " 13 ... 1 year College 14 ... 2 years " 15 ... 3 years " 16 ... 4 years " 17 ... 5 or more years College 66 ... Unknown, Not Stated 77 ... Entry Not Codable 99 ... Blank or not on certificate

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Tape Location	Size of Field	Code Outline
82-83	2	<u>BRIDE - EDUCATION</u> (Effective 1970 data) Same codes as specified for Groom.
84-85	2	<u>BLANK POSITIONS</u>

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		***THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS APPLY ONLY TO DATA YEARS 1970 or LA
86	1	<u>AGE DIFFERENCE RECODE</u> 1 ... Groom's age greater than or equal to Bride's age. 2 ... Groom's age less than Bride's age.
87-88	2	<u>AGE DIFFERENCE IN YEARS</u> 00-82 ... Zero to 82 years
89-92 89-90 91-92	2 2 2	<u>GROOM - DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED</u> <u>Month Last Marriage Ended</u> 00 ... Not Applicable (Not Previously Married) 01 ... January 08 ... August 02 ... February 09 ... September 03 ... March 10 ... October 04 ... April 11 ... November 05 ... May 12 ... December 06 ... June 99 ... Not Stated 07 ... July <u>Year Last Marriage Ended</u> XX(NUM)... Not Applicable (Not Previously Married) 00 ... 1900 01 ... 1901 02 ... 1902 ETC. THROUGH CURRENT DATA YEAR 99 ... Not Stated

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		<p>***THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS APPLY ONLY TO DATA YEARS 1970 or LATER.</p>
<p>93-97 93-95</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><u>GROOM - Interval Last Marriage to Present Marriage</u> <u>Detail Interval in Months</u> XXX(NUM) ... Not applicable (Not Previously Married) 000-998 ... Zero to 998 Months 999 ... Not Stated</p>
<p>96-97</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><u>Recode 17 (Interval Last Marriage to Present Marriage)</u> 00 ... Not Applicable (Not Previously Married) 01 ... (000-005) ... Less than 6 mos. 02 ... (006-011) ... 6-11 months. 03 ... (012-023) ... 1 year 04 ... (024-035) ... 2 years 05 ... (036-047) ... 3 years 06 ... (048-059) ... 4 years 07 ... (060-071) ... 5 years 08 ... (072-083) ... 6 years 09 ... (084-095) ... 7 years 10 ... (096-107) ... 8 years 11 ... (108-119) ... 9 years 12 ... (120-179) ... 10-14 years 13 ... (180-239) ... 15-19 years 14 ... (240-299) ... 20-24 years 15 ... (300-359) ... 25-29 years 16 ... (360-998) ... 30+ years 17 ... 999 ... Not Stated Interval</p>

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<p><u>98-101</u></p> <p>98-99</p> <p>100-101</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p>	<p>*** THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS APPLY ONLY TO DATA YEARS 1970 or LATER.</p> <p><u>BRIDE - DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED</u></p> <p><u>Month Last Marriage Ended</u></p> <p>Same codes as specified for Groom in Characters 89-90.</p> <p><u>Year Last Marriage Ended</u></p> <p>Same codes as specified for Groom in Characters 91-92.</p>
<p><u>102-106</u></p> <p>102-104</p> <p>105-106</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p><u>BRIDE - INTERVAL LAST MARRIAGE TO PRESENT MARRIAGE</u></p> <p><u>Detail Interval in Months</u></p> <p>Same codes as specified for Groom in Characters 93-95.</p> <p><u>Recode 17 (Interval Last Marriage to Present Marriage)</u></p> <p>Same codes as specified for Groom in Characters 96-97.</p>
<p>107-140</p>	<p>34</p>	<p>THESE POSITIONS ARE BLANK.</p>

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		<u>State Code</u>	<u>State Name</u>
		01	Alabama
		02	Alaska
		05	California
		07	Connecticut
		08	Delaware
		09	District of Columbia
		10	Florida
		11	Georgia
		12	Hawaii
		13	Idaho
		14	Illinois
		15	Indiana
		16	Iowa
		17	Kansas
		18	Kentucky
		19	Louisiana
		20	Maine
		21	Maryland
		22	Massachusetts
		23	Michigan
		24	Minnesota (1971 and later)
		25	Mississippi
		26	Missouri
		27	Montana
		28	Nebraska
		30	New Hampshire
		31	New Jersey
		33	New York

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		34	North Carolina
		36	Ohio
		38	Oregon
		39	Pennsylvania
		40	Rhode Island
		41	South Carolina (1971 and later)
		42	South Dakota
		43	Tennessee
		45	Utah
		46	Vermont
		47	Virginia
		49	West Virginia
		50	Wisconsin
		51	Wyoming
		52	Puerto Rico (1970, 71, 73 and later)
		53	Virgin Islands (1970, 71, 73 and later)