



ShoeString Genealogy

STATES' VITAL STATISTICS DATES

Counties began collecting and submitting Birth, Marriage and Death (BMD) data on the dates indicated in this chart. There were several counties or townships which were slow to respond and some kept the information even earlier. The jurisdictional approach, of course, is to check with the local governments of your ancestors to be quite certain.

STATE	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
Alabama	1908	1908	1908
Alaska	1913	1913	1913
Arizona	1909	1909	1909
Arkansas	1914	1917	1914
California	1905	1905	1905
Colorado	1907	1907	1907
Connecticut	1897	1897	1897
Delaware	1913	1913	1913
Florida	1899	1927	1899
Georgia	1919	1952	1919
Hawaii	1853	1853	1853
Idaho	1911	1947	1911
Illinois	1916	1962	1916
Indiana	1907	1958	1900
Iowa	1880	1880	1880
Kansas	1911	1913	1911
Kentucky	1911	1958	1911
Louisiana ¹	1914	none	1914
Maine	1892	1892	1892
Maryland	1898	1950	1898
Massachusetts	1841	1841	1841
Michigan	1867	1867	1867
Minnesota	1900	1958	1908
Mississippi	1912	1926	1912
Missouri	1910	1881	1910
Montana	1907	1943	1907

STATE	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
Nebraska	1905	1909	1905
Nevada	1911	1968	1911
New Hampshire	1901	1901	1901
New Jersey	1848	1848	1848
New Mexico	1920	1920	1920
New York	1880	1880	1880
North Carolina	1913	1962	1913
North Dakota	1894	1925	1894
Ohio	1908	1949	1908
Oklahoma	1908	1908	1908
Oregon	1903	1906	1903
Pennsylvania	1906	1885	1906
Rhode Island	1853	1853	1853
South Carolina	1915	1950	1915
South Dakota	1905	1905	1905
Tennessee ²	1908	1945	1908
Texas	1903	1966	1903
Utah	1905	1887	1905
Vermont	1857	1857	1857
Virginia	1912	1912	1912
Washington	1907	1968	1907
West Virginia	1917	1964	1917
Wisconsin	1907	1907	1907
Wyoming	1909	1941	1909
Dist of Columbia ³	1874	1811	1874
Puerto Rico	1931		1931

Notes:

- ¹ Louisiana keeps birth records in the parish clerk offices.
- ² Birth records in Tennessee are missing for 1913.
- ³ Many of the District of Columbia's birth records exist from 1874. Some of their death records exist back to 1855, minus those years of the Civil War. D.C.'s marriage records exist as far back as 1811, before the British came in.

