



Convention and Visitors Authority

## WEDDINGS

Las Vegas is known as much for its weddings as it is for its casinos. With an average of more than **100,000 marriage licenses issued annually**, Las Vegas is recognized as the **world's wedding capital**. Whether it's eloping on a secret rendezvous, or planning an elaborate ceremony for hundreds of your family and friends, there is no place quite like Vegas to make it official.

Part of the allure of getting married in Las Vegas is that it offers the ultimate freedom of choice, ranging from Elvis presiding over a 24-hour, drive-through chapel to a lavish soiree at one of the world's premier resorts. In addition, Las Vegas has minimal requirements and no waiting period, making "quickie" weddings an attractive possibility.

Since its early history, Las Vegas has been the wedding destination for a multitude of celebrity couples including Elvis Presley and Priscilla Beaulieu, Frank Sinatra and Mia Farrow, Jane Fonda and Roger Vadim, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere, Britney Spears and Jason Alexander, and Billy Bob Thornton and Angelina Jolie. Others who have tied the knot in Las Vegas include Brigitte Bardot, Billy Martin, Joan Collins, Judy Garland, Vic Damone, Jon Bon Jovi, Charisma Carpenter, Tony Curtis, Mickey Rooney (several times), Mary Tyler Moore, Sammy Davis, Jr., Bing Crosby, Joan Crawford, Michael Jordan, and Dennis Rodman.

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, recently launched a collection of Nevada's marriage and divorce records of the more than 9 million people who said their "I do's" and "I don't's" in Nevada between 1956 and 2005. A cross-section of the collection reveals some fascinating and fun facts on getting together, splitting up, celebrity sightings, most popular days of the week to get married, percentage of marriages that take place in Nevada versus nationwide, shortest marriages in Nevada history, repeat offenders and much more. And, in true betting fashion, the site also launched VegasWeddingOdds.com, an online marriage-predicting site which, based on your first name, will give you the first names of the people you're most likely to marry in Nevada.



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#### **Fast Facts:**

- \* Most popular wedding days in Las Vegas: Valentine's Day and New Year's Eve
- \* 02/14/06 - 1,228 Marriages were performed (394 marriage licenses were issued); The day before there were only 200 marriages performed but 721 marriage licenses were issued
- \* 02/14/07 - 935 Marriages were performed (355 marriage licenses were issued)
- \* 02/14/08 - 968 Marriages were performed (473 marriage licenses were issued)

Most popular wedding dates in Las Vegas: Dates with repeating numbers (for example, 1/01/01, 2/02/02, 3/03/03). One of the most popular wedding dates of all time, 7/07/07, was a big day in Las Vegas due to its implied luckiness (it's the ultimate jackpot!) and the fact that it landed on a Saturday.

- \* 07/07/07 - 4,450 Marriages were performed
- \* 08/08/08 - 2,196 Marriages were performed

#### **Requirements**

- \* Proof of age (driver's license, passport or birth certificate)
- \* Must have a social security number; foreigners who exchange wedding vows in the U.S. may need additional or special documentation to guarantee the marriage is recognized in their country
- \* Parental consent and court order (if under the age of 16)
- \* No blood test
- \* No waiting period

#### **Fees**

- \* Marriage License/Clark Couy License Bureau: \$60

#### **License Bureaus**

- \* Clark County Marriage License Bureau
  - o Address: 201 Clark Avenue
  - o Main number: 702-671-0600
  - o For recorded information: 702-455-4415
  - o Website: [www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/clerk/Pages/marriage\\_information.htm](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/clerk/Pages/marriage_information.htm)
  - o Hours: 8 a.m. to midnight daily
  
- \* Mesquite, Nev. Marriage License Bureau
  - o Address: 500 Hillside Drive
  - o Main number: 702-346-1867
  - o Hours: Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Friday: 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and holidays

\* Laughlin, Nev. Marriage License Bureau

o Address: 101 Civic Way, #2

o Mainnumber 702-298-1097

o Hours: Thursday - Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed on holidays

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