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Empowering Our Community Through Comprehensive Strategies.

DATA FEATURE

Safety: Marriage & Divorce

MARRIAGES PER 1,000 PEOPLE

5.47 PER 1,000

is the marriage rate for Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota combined. Compare to the national score of 6.1 per 1,000.

- CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, 2023

DIVORCES PER 1,000 PEOPLE

2.27 PER 1,000

is the divorce rate for Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota combined. Compare to the national score of 2.4 per 1,000.

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LOCAL SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF MARRIAGE & DIVORCE TRENDS

Background

Divorce and marriage both influence community safety by shaping social stability and support networks. Strong, healthy marriages can foster emotional well-being, economic stability, and positive child development–all factors linked to lower crime and safer neighborhoods. Conversely, high divorce rates can strain families, reduce economic security, and weaken community ties, which may contribute to increased social stress and safety concerns.

Marriage and Divorce in Siouxland

The Centers for Disease Control provides marriage and divorce rates per 1,000 individuals by state, offering insight into family stability trends that can influence community well-being and safety. Over the past five years, marriage rates have generally declined across all regions studied, with Nebraska experiencing the largest drop from 6.0 per 1,000 in 2018 to 5.3 in 2023, followed by South Dakota from 6.5 to 5.9, Iowa from 5.7 to 5.2, and the national rate declining from 6.5 to 6.1 per 1,000 in that time period. Divorce rates also fell, though at slightly different rates across states. Iowa's rate declined modestly from 2.2 to 1.9 per 1,000, South Dakota from 2.6 to 2.3, Nebraska from 2.9 to 2.6, and nationally from 2.9 to 2.4 per 1,000 from 2018 to 2023. These declines suggest an overall trend toward fewer marriages and divorces per capita, though the pace of change varies by state.

ABOUT US

Source For Siouxland is a collaborative, strategic community planning initiative for a vibrant, safe, and healthy Siouxland. We measure the Economic Stability, Education, Health, Safety, and Quality of Life of the Siouxland Area in order to identify opportunities to build a stronger and more engaged community, prioritize the opportunities, and lead collective impact teams that will improve community outcomes.

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