Michigan Vital Records

Beginning April 5, 1867, the State of Michigan required cities and townships to take an annual assessment of births and deaths. Statewide registration of marriages also started in 1867. Michigan instituted a statewide divorce registration in 1897.

Vital Records at the Library of Michigan
from the Michigan Department of Community Health:

**Births**
Index (mfm F 565 .I5 1960) ........................................ 1867-1915

**Marriages**
- Index (mfm. F 565 .I54 1960) ........................................ 1867-1921
- Index (mfm F 565 .I54 1950) ........................................ 1950-1969
- Returns (mfm F 565 .I54 1867a) .................................. 1867-1925

**Divorces**
- Index (mfm F 565 .D58) .................................................. 1897-1969
- Summary (mfm F 565 .D57 1897) .................................. 1897-1922

**Deaths**
- Index (mfm F 565 .I532) .................................................. 1867-1914
- Returns (mfm F 565 .I53 1868) .................................. 1867-1897
- Certificates (mfm F 565 .I53 1960z) ............................ 1897-1920

**To obtain Michigan vital records online**
- Family Search, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), includes a growing number of Michigan vital records as part of its ongoing digital records project.

**To obtain additional Michigan vital records**
- Contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Vital Records Requests, 201 Townsend St., P.O. Box 30721, Lansing MI 48909, or call (517) 335-8666. Record order forms are at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch).
- Contact the county clerk in the county where the event occurred. A directory of Michigan county clerks is online at [seekingmichigan.org/about/county-clerks](http://seekingmichigan.org/about/county-clerks).