

ADOPTIONS



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In 2008...

- There were 775 adoptions to Alaska residents.
- 496 adoptions took place through the court system.
- Out of state residents adopted 61 Alaskans.
- The median age at adoption was 4 years old.
- The oldest age at adoption was 42 years old.

Adoption Summary

The total number of adoptions has fallen 20.5 percent since their peak in 2001. In 2008, more Alaska Native children were adopted than any other race.

Most adoptions occur through Alaska's court system. In 2008, 64 percent of all adoptions took place through the court system.

Adoption rates measure the number of adoptions per 1,000 population. Adoption rates of Alaska Natives remain about six times that of adoption rates of white Alaskans.

Table 66: Number of Adoptions by Race (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Asian/PI	38	35	49	36	23	32	32	37	18	38
Black	22	17	30	31	30	27	29	28	24	26
Native	340	350	407	361	337	340	337	391	357	404
White	413	431	422	349	327	247	240	284	264	259
Alaska	885	893	975	847	779	670	674	775	704	775

Table 67: Adoption Rates by Race (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Asian/PI	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.0
Black	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Native	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.3
White	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Alaska	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1

Table 68: Number of Adoptions by Type (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Courts	568	590	686	575	509	406	384	445	442	496
Cultural	216	189	200	129	116	137	173	225	181	206
Out of State	101	113	83	89	96	84	83	93	74	61
Tribal	0	1	6	54	58	43	34	12	7	12
Total	885	893	975	847	779	670	674	775	704	775