

ADOPTION



854 ADOPTIONS

Superior courts in Alaska granted 542 adoptions in 1995. That is a 2.9 percent decrease from the 558 superior court adoptions granted during 1994. In addition, 206 cultural adoptions and 106 out of state adoptions were recorded. Not all adoptions involve children. Of the 854 total adoptions in 1995, 26 involved the adoption of adults 18 years of age and over. The total number of adoptions results in an adoption rate of 1.4 adoptions per 1,000 population.

In 1990, under the Indian Child Welfare Act 25 USC 1903(4), Alaska began issuing substitute birth certificates for cultural adoptions of Native children. Under the Bureau of Vital Statistics' regulations, a substitute birth certificate may be issued when a Native child is culturally adopted into a family where at least one of the adoptive parents is Native. The 206 cultural adoptions which occurred in 1995 represent a 13.2 percent increase from 182 in 1994. There were 106 children born in Alaska who were adopted out of state during 1995. This represents a 6.2 percent decrease over the 113 out-of-state adoptions in 1994. The table below lists numbers of adoptions by type and year for 1991 through 1995.

YEAR	TYPE OF ADOPTION				TOTAL
	ALASKA			OUT OF STATE	
	COURTS	CULTURAL	SUBTOTAL		
1991	691	226	917	145	1,062
1992	627	251	878	127	1,005
1993	607	219	826	136	962
1994	558	182	740	113	853
1995	542	206	748	106	854

TABLE 3.1A ADOPTIONS BY CENSUS AREA WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED AND BY AGE OF ADOPTEE, ALASKA, 1995

CENSUS AREA WHERE ADOPTION DECREE WAS GRANTED	AGE OF ADOPTEE					TOTAL
	<1 YEAR	1-4 YEARS	5-9 YEARS	10-17 YEARS	18+ YEARS	
ALEUTIANS WEST		1				1
ANCHORAGE	50	87	93	46	13	289
BETHEL	24	9	15	6	1	55
BRISTOL BAY	1					1
DILLINGHAM	4	3	1			8
FAIRBANKS NSB	15	31	42	15	4	107
JUNEAU BOROUGH		8	17	5	1	31
KENAI PENINSULA	3	4	14	5		26
KETCHIKAN	3	4	12	4	1	24
KODIAK ISLAND	2	3	3	1		9
LAKE-PENINSULA				1		1
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA	3	3	4	7	2	19
NOME	15	13	3	4		35
NORTH SLOPE	8	6	6	6		26
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	13	16	6	7		42
PRINCE OF WALES	1					1
SITKA BOROUGH			6	1		7
VALDEZ-CORDOVA				1		1
WADE HAMPTON	29	11	6	4		50
WRANGELL-PETERSBG				2		2
YUKON-KOYUKUK	6	1	3	3		13
OUT OF STATE	4	17	44	37	4	106
TOTAL	181	217	275	155	26	854

Tables 3.1B and 3.1D show adoptions by the race of the child. In these tables, the race of the child is determined by the race of the natural mother. (For more information on determining the race of the child by the race of the mother, see Appendix E.)

TABLE 3.1B ADOPTIONS BY CENSUS AREA WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED AND BY RACE OF ADOPTEE, ALASKA, 1995

CENSUS AREA WHERE ADOPTION DECREE WAS GRANTED	RACE OF ADOPTEE					TOTAL
	WHITE	NATIVE	BLACK	ASIAN/PI	UNK	
ALEUTIANS WEST	1					1
ANCHORAGE	180	44	24	12	29	289
BETHEL	2	53				55
BRISTOL BAY		1				1
DILLINGHAM	1	6			1	8
FAIRBANKS NSB	61	16	3	2	25	107
JUNEAU BOROUGH	17	3		2	9	31
KENAI PENINSULA	21	1			4	26
KETCHIKAN	12	5	1		6	24
KODIAK ISLAND	4	2			3	9
LAKE-PENINSULA		1				1
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA	9	3			7	19
NOME	2	33				35
NORTH SLOPE	2	23		1		26
NORTHWEST ARCTIC		41			1	42
PRINCE OF WALES		1				1
SITKA BOROUGH	5				2	7
VALDEZ-CORDOVA	1					1
WADE HAMPTON		50				50
WRANGELL-PETERSBG	1	1				2
YUKON-KOYUKUK	1	12				13
OUT OF STATE	93	9	4			106
TOTAL	413	305	32	17	87	854

TABLE 3.1C ADOPTIONS BY NATIVE REGIONAL CORPORATION WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED, AND BY AGE OF ADOPTEE, ALASKA, 1995

NRC WHERE ADOPTION DECREE WAS GRANTED	AGE OF ADOPTEE					TOTAL
	<1 YEAR	1-4 YEARS	5-9 YEARS	10-17 YEARS	18+ YEARS	
ALEUT CORP.		1				1
ARCTIC SLOPE CORP.	8	6	6	6		26
BERING STRAITS CORP.	15	13	3	4		35
BRISTOL BAY CORP.	5	3	1	1		10
CALISTA CORP.	53	20	21	10	1	105
CHUGACH NATIVES INC.				1		1
COOK INLET REG CORP.	56	94	111	58	15	334
DOYON LTD.	21	32	45	18	4	120
KONIAG INC.	2	3	3	1		9
NANA REGIONAL CORP.	13	16	6	7		42
SEALASKA CORP.	4	12	35	12	2	65
OUT OF STATE	4	17	44	37	4	106
TOTAL	181	217	275	155	26	854

TABLE 3.1D ADOPTIONS BY NATIVE REGIONAL CORPORATION WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED, AND BY RACE OF ADOPTEE, ALASKA, 1995

NRC WHERE ADOPTION DECREE WAS GRANTED	RACE OF ADOPTEE					TOTAL
	WHITE	NATIVE	BLACK	OTHER	UNK	
ALEUT CORP.	1					1
ARCTIC SLOPE CORP.	2	23		1		26
BERING STRAITS CORP.	2	33				35
BRISTOL BAY CORP.	1	8			1	10
CALISTA CORP.	2	103				105
CHUGACH NATIVES INC.	1					1
COOK INLET REG CORP.	210	48	24	12	40	334
DOYON LTD.	62	28	3	2	25	120
KONIAG INC.	4	2			3	9
NANA REGIONAL CORP.		41			1	42
SEALASKA CORP.	35	10	1	2	17	65
OUT OF STATE	93	9	4			106
TOTAL	413	305	32	17	87	854

Adoptions can occur under several different circumstances. A child may be adopted by the spouse of a natural parent; a child may be adopted into a two-parent family; or a child may be adopted by a single parent. Of the 854 adoptions granted during 1995, 41.7% of the children were adopted by the spouse of a natural parent, 49.4% of the children were adopted by two parents, and 8.9% were adopted by single parents.

Table 3.2A shows races of natural and adoptive parents and the birth place of the child when the adopting parent is married to a natural parent. Table 3.2B shows races of adopting parents when neither parent is the natural parent. In those cases where either the mother or father is indicated by "NONE," the child was adopted by a single parent.

TABLE 3.2A ADOPTIONS BY RACES OF PARENTS (WHEN ADOPTIVE PARENT IS MARRIED TO NATURAL PARENT) AND BY CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH, ALASKA, 1995

RACE OF PARENTS		CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH			TOTAL
NATURAL	ADOPTIVE	ALASKA	USA	FOREIGN	
WHITE	WHITE	151	73	6	230
	NATIVE	9	1		10
	BLACK	2	1		3
	ASIAN/PI	2	1		3
	UNKNOWN	23			23
	TOTAL	187	76	6	269
NATIVE	WHITE	18			18
	NATIVE	12	2		14
	UNKNOWN	1			1
TOTAL	31	2		33	
BLACK	BLACK	3	2		5
	UNKNOWN	1			1
	TOTAL	4	2		6
ASIAN/PI	WHITE	2		2	4
	ASIAN/PI		2		2
	TOTAL	2	2	2	6
UNKNOWN	WHITE	3	32	2	37
	NATIVE		2		2
	BLACK		1		1
	ASIAN/PI			1	1
	UNKNOWN			1	1
	TOTAL	3	35	4	42
TOTAL		227	117	12	356

TABLE 3.2B ADOPTIONS BY RACES OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS (WHEN NEITHER PARENT IS THE NATURAL PARENT) AND CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH, ALASKA, 1995

RACE OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS		CHILD'S PLACE OF BIRTH			TOTAL
MOTHER	FATHER	ALASKA	USA	FOREIGN	
WHITE	WHITE	107	40	35	182
	NATIVE	15	1		16
	BLACK	3			3
	ASIAN/PI	1			1
	NONE	16	5	8	29
	TOTAL	142	46	43	231
NATIVE	WHITE	18	2		20
	NATIVE	158	1		159
	NONE	31			31
	TOTAL	207	3		210
BLACK	BLACK	9	9	2	20
	NONE	4	2		6
	TOTAL	13	11	2	26
ASIAN/PI	WHITE	2		1	3
	BLACK	1			1
	ASIAN/PI	3		1	4
	NONE			1	1
	TOTAL	6		3	9
UNKNOWN	WHITE			1	1
	UNKNOWN	12			12
	TOTAL	12		1	13
NONE	WHITE	3	1	1	5
	NATIVE	3	1		4
	TOTAL	6	2	1	9
TOTAL		386	62	50	498

TABLE 3.2C ADOPTIONS BY RACES OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS (WHEN NEITHER PARENT IS THE NATURAL PARENT) AND CHILD'S RACE, ALASKA, 1995¹

RACE OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS		RACE OF ADOPTEE					TOTAL
MOTHER	FATHER	WHITE	NATIVE	BLACK	ASIAN/PI	UNK	
WHITE	WHITE	106	34	3	7	32	182
	NATIVE		15			1	16
	BLACK	1		2			3
	ASIAN/PI	1					1
	NONE	18	5	1		5	29
	TOTAL	126	54	6	7	38	231
NATIVE	WHITE	1	18			1	20
	NATIVE		159				159
	NONE		31				31
	TOTAL	1	208			1	210
BLACK	BLACK		1	15		4	20
	NONE	3		2		1	6
	TOTAL	3	1	17		5	26
ASIAN/PI	WHITE	1		1	1		3
	BLACK				1		1
	ASIAN/PI		1	1	1	1	4
	NONE					1	1
	TOTAL	1	1	2	3	2	9
UNKNOWN	WHITE					1	1
	UNKNOWN	8	4				12
	TOTAL	8	4			1	13
NONE	WHITE	2	3				5
	NATIVE		4				4
	TOTAL	2	7				9
TOTAL		141	275	25	10	47	498

1 If natural father or natural mother is Native, child's race is Native; otherwise child's race is the same as the natural mother.

TABLE 3.3A ADOPTIONS BY CENSUS AREA WHERE ADOPTION DECREE WAS GRANTED, AND BY PARENT ADOPTING CHILD, ALASKA, 1995

CENSUS AREA WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED	MOTHER AND FATHER	ADOPTING PARENT MARRIED TO NATURAL PARENT	SINGLE PARENT	TOTAL
ALEUTIANS WEST		1		1
ANCHORAGE	132	127	30	289
BETHEL	40	6	9	55
BRISTOL BAY	1			1
DILLINGHAM	7	1		8
FAIRBANKS NSB	40	57	10	107
JUNEAU BOROUGH	10	18	3	31
KENAI PENINSULA	13	13		26
KETCHIKAN	10	13	1	24
KODIAK ISLAND	3	6		9
LAKE-PENINSULA			1	1
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA	7	11	1	19
NOME	29	4	2	35
NORTH SLOPE	18	5	3	26
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	33	1	8	42
PRINCE OF WALES	1			1
SITKA BOROUGH	2	5		7
VALDEZ-CORDOVA		1		1
WADE HAMPTON	41	2	7	50
WRANGELL-PETERSBG		2		2
YUKON-KOYUKUK	12	1		13
OUT OF STATE	23	82	1	106
TOTAL	422	356	76	854

TABLE 3.3B ADOPTIONS BY NATIVE REGIONAL CORPORATION WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED, AND BY PARENT ADOPTING CHILD, ALASKA, 1995

NRC WHERE DECREE WAS GRANTED	MOTHER AND FATHER	ADOPTING PARENT MARRIED TO NATURAL PARENT	SINGLE PARENT	TOTAL
ALEUT CORP.		1		1
ARCTIC SLOPE CORP.	18	5	3	26
BERING STRAITS CORP.	29	4	2	35
BRISTOL BAY CORP.	8	1	1	10
CALISTA CORP.	81	8	16	105
CHUGACH NATIVES INC.		1		1
COOK INLET REG CORP.	152	151	31	334
DOYON LTD.	52	58	10	120
KONIAG INC.	3	6		9
NANA REGIONAL CORP.	33	1	8	42
SEALASKA CORP.	23	38	4	65
OUT OF STATE	23	82	1	106
TOTAL	422	356	76	854