

ADOPTIONS



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In 2006...

- There were 770 adoptions to Alaska residents.
- 444 adoptions took place through the court system.
- Out of state residents adopted 90 Alaskans.
- The median age at adoption was 4 years old.
- The oldest age at adoption was 43 years old.

Adoption Summary

The total number of adoptions has fallen 21 percent since their peak in 2001. In 2006, more Alaska Native children were adopted than any other race.

Most adoptions occur through Alaska's court system. In 2006, 58 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: Adoptions By Race (1997-2006)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Asian/PI	24	16	38	35	49	36	23	30	32	37
Black	26	26	22	17	30	31	30	27	29	28
Native	270	299	340	350	407	361	337	340	336	390
White	400	371	411	431	421	348	326	246	237	280
Total	788	786	883	893	974	846	778	667	670	770

Table 67: Adoption Rates By Race (1997-2006)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Asian/PI	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0
Black	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
Native	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3
White	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Total	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1

Table 68: Adoptions By Type (1997-2006)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Courts	545	533	568	590	685	574	509	404	383	444
Cultural	149	166	216	189	200	129	116	137	172	224
Out of State	93	87	99	113	83	89	95	83	82	90
Tribal	1	0	0	1	6	54	58	43	33	12
Total	788	786	883	893	974	846	778	667	670	770