

# MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES



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## In 2006..

- There were 5,540 marriages performed in Alaska.
- More marriages occurred in July than any other month.
- The median age at marriage was 27 for brides and 30 for grooms.
- The oldest bride was 86 and the oldest groom was 82.
- There were 2,837 divorces granted in Alaska.
- The median age at divorce was 36 for females and 38 for males.
- The oldest divorce was 79 for a female and 86 for a male.

## Marriage Summary

Marriage rates are a measure of how many marriages occur per 1,000 population. Since 1997, Alaska's marriage rates have fallen about 4.5 percent. In 2006, for every 1,000 Alaskans, approximately 8 marriages occurred.

In 2006, there were 593 marriages in Alaska where neither the bride nor the groom was a resident of Alaska.

**Table 69: Marriage Rates By Sex (1997-2006)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Female	16.1	15.4	16.3	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.3	15.0	14.5	14.4
Male	14.8	14.2	15.0	14.3	14.3	14.0	13.6	14.2	13.7	13.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>

**Table 70: Marriages By Residency (1997-2006)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Two Residents	4,550	4,418	4,682	4,478	4,511	4,466	4,341	4,596	4,461	4,513
One Non-Resident	302	271	344	338	338	337	367	411	419	439
Two Non-Residents	438	423	449	458	514	533	543	602	600	593
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,290</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>5,475</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>5,545</b>

**Table 71: Marriages By Age Group (1997-2006)**

### Groom's Age Group

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+	Total
<15	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
15-19	0	1,448	3,381	535	128	44	12	5	2	1	5,556
20-24	0	541	7,545	4,087	1,175	410	137	73	23	12	14,003
25-29	0	49	1,447	4,176	2,592	1,138	415	172	68	50	10,107
30-34	0	13	271	1,155	2,342	1,724	832	366	143	85	6,931
35-39	0	5	97	374	930	1,570	1,324	735	306	147	5,488
40-44	0	5	28	123	345	719	1,298	996	552	343	4,409
45-49	0	0	11	36	107	285	670	1,012	720	577	3,418
50-54	0	1	7	5	42	62	198	371	581	717	1,984
55+	0	1	1	0	9	23	53	128	244	1,361	1,820
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>12,789</b>	<b>10,491</b>	<b>7,670</b>	<b>5,975</b>	<b>4,939</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>53,721</b>

**Divorce Summary**

There are three administrative procedures for terminating a marriage in Alaska: divorce, dissolution, and annulment. In 2006, there was a total of 2,823 divorces, dissolutions, and annulments.

Divorce rates are a measure of how many divorces, dissolutions, and annulments occur per 1,000 population. Since 1997, divorces have fallen 20.7 percent. In 2006, for every 1,000 Alaskans approximately 4 divorces occurred.

**Table 72: Divorce Rates By Sex (1997-2006)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Female	9.6	9.9	9.1	8.2	8.8	8.3	8.0	7.6	7.6	7.4
Male	8.5	8.7	8.2	7.4	8.0	7.6	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 73: Divorces By Type (1997-2006)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Dissolution	1,072	1,122	1,096	1,030	1,084	1,036	1,013	1,081	1,166	1,199
Divorce	2,119	2,248	2,044	1,751	1,885	1,906	1,846	1,774	1,705	1,618
Annulment	9	9	4	13	12	10	6	7	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>2,823</b>

**Table 74: Divorces By Age Group (1997-2006)**

**Husband's Age Group**

	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+	Total
<15	0	0	0	4	2	4	2	2	0	0	14
15-19	0	35	220	40	7	2	2	0	0	1	307
20-24	2	24	1,943	1,469	294	73	31	11	8	8	3,863
25-29	1	3	393	2,333	1,494	479	182	56	29	26	4,996
30-34	1	0	60	510	1,889	1,437	536	190	81	40	4,744
35-39	1	1	19	100	539	1,798	1,429	520	202	82	4,691
40-44	2	0	8	42	168	563	1,631	1,215	506	223	4,358
45-49	0	0	2	17	60	192	504	1,222	780	407	3,184
50-54	1	0	0	4	16	54	143	316	658	616	1,808
55+	0	0	1	2	8	24	38	86	188	972	1,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>4,477</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>29,284</b>