

ADOPTIONS



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In 2007...

- There were 701 adoptions to Alaska residents.
- 442 adoptions took place through the court system.
- Out of state residents adopted 72 Alaskans.
- The median age at adoption was 5 years old.
- The oldest age at adoption was 37 years old.

Adoption Summary

The total number of adoptions has fallen 28.1 percent since their peak in 2001. In 2007, more Alaska Native children were adopted than any other race.

Most adoptions occur through Alaska's court system. In 2007, 63 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 (1998-2007)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Asian/PI	16	38	35	49	36	23	32	32	37	18
Black	26	22	17	30	31	30	27	29	28	24
Native	299	340	350	407	361	337	340	336	390	356
White	371	411	431	422	348	327	247	240	283	262
Total	786	883	893	975	846	779	670	673	773	701

Table 67: Adoption Rates by Race (1998-2007)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Asian/PI	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.5
Black	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Native	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9
White	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Total	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0

Table 68: Number of Adoptions by Type (1998-2007)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Courts	533	568	590	686	574	509	406	384	444	442
Cultural	166	216	189	200	129	116	137	172	224	180
Out of State	87	99	113	83	89	96	84	83	93	72
Tribal	0	0	1	6	54	58	43	34	12	7
Total	786	883	893	975	846	779	670	673	773	701