

# MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES



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## In 2007..

- There were 5,819 marriages performed in Alaska.
- More marriages occurred in July than any other month.
- The median age at marriage was 27 for brides and 29 for grooms.
- The oldest bride was 87 and the oldest groom was 87.
- There were 2,915 divorces granted in Alaska.
- The median age at divorce was 36 for females and 38 for males.
- The oldest divorce was 78 for a female and 94 for a male.

## Marriage Summary

Marriage rates are a measure of how many marriages occur per 1,000 population. Since 1998, Alaska's marriage rates have increased 3.6 percent. In 2007, for every 1,000 Alaskans, approximately 8 marriages occurred.

In 2007, there were 602 marriages in Alaska where neither the bride nor the groom was a resident of Alaska.

**Table 69: Marriage Rates By Sex (1998-2007)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	15.4	16.3	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.5	14.4	15.0
Male	14.2	15.0	14.3	14.3	14.1	13.6	14.2	13.7	13.9	14.5
<b>Total</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>	<b>8.6</b>

**Table 70: Marriages By Residency (1998-2007)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Two Residents	4,418	4,682	4,478	4,511	4,466	4,341	4,596	4,462	4,513	4,735
One Non-Resident	271	344	338	338	337	367	411	419	440	482
Two Non-Residents	423	449	458	514	533	543	602	600	593	602
<b>Total</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>5,481</b>	<b>5,546</b>	<b>5,819</b>

**Table 71: Marriages By Age Group (1998-2007)**

### 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	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
15-19	0	1,470	3,374	523	128	37	13	7	2	1	5,555
20-24	0	546	7,789	4,162	1,177	417	142	72	26	14	14,345
25-29	0	53	1,489	4,276	2,592	1,126	416	179	72	48	10,251
30-34	0	12	273	1,151	2,349	1,683	841	368	149	82	6,908
35-39	0	6	99	365	918	1,537	1,257	724	307	149	5,362
40-44	0	5	28	118	331	704	1,280	1,001	549	350	4,366
45-49	0	0	11	37	102	281	673	1,018	729	605	3,456
50-54	0	1	5	6	40	67	198	401	600	764	2,082
55+	0	1	1	2	7	22	59	139	262	1,428	1,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>13,070</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>7,644</b>	<b>5,874</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>54,250</b>

**Divorce Summary**

There are three administrative procedures for terminating a marriage in Alaska: divorce, dissolution, and annulment. In 2007, there was a total of 2,915 divorces, dissolutions, and annulments.

Divorce rates are a measure of how many divorces, dissolutions, and annulments occur per 1,000 population. Since 1998, divorce numbers have fallen 13.7 percent. In 2007, for every 1,000 Alaskans approximately 4 divorces occurred.

**Table 72: Divorce Rates By Sex (1998-2007)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	9.9	9.1	8.2	8.8	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.6
Male	8.7	8.2	7.4	8.0	7.6	7.4	7.0	7.1	6.8	7.0
<b>Total</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>	<b>4.3</b>

**Table 73: Divorces By Type (1998-2007)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Dissolution	1,122	1,096	1,031	1,085	1,037	1,015	1,085	1,168	1,201	1,287
Divorce	2,248	2,044	1,751	1,885	1,907	1,848	1,779	1,708	1,621	1,622
Annulment	9	4	13	12	11	6	7	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>2,915</b>

**Table 74: Divorces By Age Group (1998-2007)**

Husband's Age Group

Wife's Age Group	Husband's Age Group										Total
	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+	
<15	0	0	0	4	1	4	2	2	0	0	<b>13</b>
15-19	0	35	209	37	7	2	2	0	0	1	<b>293</b>
20-24	2	27	1,961	1,449	282	73	31	10	8	9	<b>3,852</b>
25-29	1	3	399	2,304	1,462	457	179	56	28	27	<b>4,916</b>
30-34	1	0	52	502	1,838	1,358	527	190	89	41	<b>4,598</b>
35-39	1	1	17	90	517	1,754	1,408	497	181	77	<b>4,543</b>
40-44	2	0	9	41	156	563	1,608	1,181	494	230	<b>4,284</b>
45-49	0	0	2	17	59	185	495	1,234	789	419	<b>3,200</b>
50-54	1	0	1	5	15	54	146	338	697	621	<b>1,878</b>
55+	0	0	1	2	9	27	45	98	203	1,067	<b>1,452</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>4,477</b>	<b>4,443</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>29,029</b>