

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES



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In 2008..

- There were 5794 marriages performed in Alaska.
- More marriages occurred in August than any other month.
- The median age at marriage was 27 for brides and 29 for grooms.
- The oldest bride was 85 and the oldest groom was 86.
- There were 3,084 divorces granted in Alaska.
- The median age at divorce was 35 for women and 37 for men.
- The oldest divorce was 79 for women and 88 for men.

Marriage Summary

Marriage rates are a measure of how many marriages occur per 1,000 population. Since 1999, Alaska's marriage rates have 3.4 percent. In 2008, for every 1,000 Alaskans, approximately 8 marriages occurred.

In 2008, there were 591 marriages in Alaska where neither the bride nor the groom was a resident of Alaska.

Table 69: Marriage Rates By Sex (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Female	16.3	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.5	14.4	15.0	14.8
Male	15.0	14.3	14.3	14.1	13.6	14.2	13.7	13.9	14.5	14.4
Total	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.5

Table 70: Marriages By Residency (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Two Residents	4,682	4,479	4,511	4,466	4,342	4,596	4,462	4,513	4,737	4,713
One Non-Resident	344	338	338	337	367	411	419	440	482	490
Two Non-Residents	449	458	514	533	543	602	600	593	602	591
Total	5,475	5,275	5,363	5,336	5,252	5,609	5,481	5,546	5,821	5,794

Table 71: Marriages By Age Group (1999-2008)

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
Total	0	2,097	13,070	10,640	7,644	5,874	4,879	3,909	2,696	3,441	54,250

Divorce Summary

There are three administrative procedures for terminating a marriage in Alaska: divorce, dissolution, and annulment. In 2008, there was a total of 3,079 divorces, dissolutions, and annulments.

Divorce rates are a measure of how many divorces, dissolutions, and annulments occur per 1,000 population. Since 1999, divorce numbers have fallen 2.1 percent. In 2008, for every 1,000 Alaskans approximately 4 divorces occurred.

Table 72: Divorce Rates By Sex (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Female	9.1	8.2	8.8	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.8
Male	8.2	7.4	8.0	7.6	7.4	7.0	7.1	6.8	7.1	7.4
Total	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5

Table 73: Divorces By Type (1999-2008)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Dissolution	1,096	1,031	1,085	1,037	1,017	1,089	1,172	1,212	1,324	1,429
Divorce	2,044	1,751	1,886	1,908	1,849	1,790	1,709	1,623	1,637	1,645
Annulment	4	13	12	11	6	7	6	6	6	5
Total	3,144	2,795	2,983	2,956	2,872	2,886	2,887	2,841	2,967	3,079

Table 74: Divorces By Age Group (1999-2008)

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	6	1	4	1	2	0	0	14
15-19	0	36	201	34	6	1	3	0	0	1	282
20-24	2	27	1,996	1,483	283	76	32	11	7	9	3,926
25-29	1	5	409	2,301	1,435	436	171	53	28	28	4,867
30-34	3	0	51	474	1,801	1,315	520	182	89	44	4,479
35-39	2	1	17	88	506	1,688	1,333	484	172	84	4,375
40-44	2	0	9	34	160	540	1,577	1,142	479	235	4,178
45-49	0	0	1	12	60	164	492	1,213	792	443	3,177
50-54	0	0	1	4	13	56	147	348	741	666	1,976
55+	0	0	1	2	9	28	47	106	222	1,150	1,565
Total	10	69	2,686	4,438	4,274	4,308	4,323	3,541	2,530	2,660	28,839