

ADOPTIONS



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In 2009...

- There were 788 adoptions to Alaska residents.
- 485 adoptions took place through the court system.
- Out of state residents adopted 77 Alaskans.
- The median age at adoption was 4 years old.
- The oldest age at adoption was 28 years old.

Adoption Summary

The total number of adoptions has fallen 19.4 percent since their peak in 2001. In 2009, more Alaska Native children were adopted than any other race.

Most adoptions occur through Alaska's court system. In 2009, 61.5% 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 are more than five times that of adoption rates of white Alaskans.

Table 66: Number of Adoptions by Race (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Asian/PI	35	49	37	23	32	32	37	18	38	22
Black	17	30	31	30	27	29	28	24	26	21
Native	350	410	361	338	340	337	392	360	409	409
White	431	422	354	327	247	243	286	265	264	287
Alaska	893	978	854	780	670	677	778	708	785	788

Table 67: Adoption Rates by Race (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Asian/PI	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5
Black	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7
Native	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3
White	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Alaska	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1

Table 68: Number of Adoptions by Type (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Courts	590	689	581	510	406	384	447	445	499	485
Cultural	189	200	129	116	137	173	226	182	209	218
Out of State	113	83	90	96	84	86	93	74	65	77
Tribal	1	6	54	58	43	34	12	7	12	8
Total	893	978	854	780	670	677	778	708	785	788