

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES



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In 2009...

- There were 5,438 marriages performed in Alaska.
- More marriages occurred in July (765) than any other month.
- The median age at marriage was 27 for brides and 29 for grooms.
- The oldest bride was 83 and the oldest groom was 93.
- There were 3,075 divorces granted in Alaska.
- The median age at divorce was 36 for women and 38 for men.
- The oldest divorcee was 86 for women and 92 for men.

Marriage Summary

Marriage rates are a measure of how many marriages occur per 1,000 population. Since 2000, Alaska's marriage rates have decreased 6.0 percent. In 2009, for every 1,000 Alaskans, approximately 8 marriages occurred.

In 2009, there were 471 marriages in Alaska where neither the bride nor the groom was a resident of Alaska.

Table 69: Marriage Rates By Sex (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Female	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.3	15.0	14.5	14.4	15.0	14.8	14.0
Male	14.3	14.3	14.0	13.6	14.2	13.7	13.8	14.5	14.3	13.7
Total	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.5	7.9

Table 70: Marriages By Residency (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Two Residents	4,479	4,512	4,466	4,342	4,597	4,468	4,515	4,739	4,717	4,610
One Non-Resident	338	338	338	367	411	421	440	482	490	357
Two Non-Residents	458	514	533	543	602	601	593	602	591	471
Total	5,275	5,364	5,337	5,252	5,610	5,490	5,548	5,823	5,798	5,438

Table 71: Marriages By Age Group (2000-2009)

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	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
15-19	0	1,448	3,334	479	118	32	14	6	3	2	5,436
20-24	0	579	8,234	4,312	1,160	409	137	84	28	18	14,961
25-29	1	58	1,544	4,569	2,732	1,105	420	178	71	54	10,732
30-34	0	6	272	1,170	2,318	1,632	804	349	150	82	6,783
35-39	0	5	96	342	869	1,496	1,164	686	305	148	5,111
40-44	0	4	32	99	303	632	1,210	971	524	343	4,118
45-49	0	0	11	33	91	250	643	1,030	778	651	3,487
50-54	0	0	3	7	41	61	204	407	646	836	2,205
55+	0	1	1	3	4	21	67	144	285	1,552	2,078
Total	1	2,102	13,528	11,015	7,636	5,638	4,663	3,855	2,790	3,686	54,914

Divorce Summary

There are three administrative procedures for terminating a marriage in Alaska: divorce, dissolution, and annulment. In 2009, there was a total of 3,075 divorces, dissolutions, and annulments.

Divorce rates are a measure of how many divorces, dissolutions, and annulments occur per 1,000 population. Since 2000, divorce numbers have seen a 10% increase. In 2009, for every 1,000 Alaskans approximately 4 divorces occurred.

Table 72: Divorce Rates By Sex (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Female	8.2	8.9	8.4	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.9
Male	7.4	8.0	7.7	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.3
Total	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5

Table 73: Divorces By Type (2000-2009)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Dissolution	1,032	1,088	1,048	1,020	1,100	1,182	1,218	1,327	1,436	1,348
Divorce	1,751	1,889	1,949	1,851	1,806	1,728	1,626	1,638	1,649	1,723
Annulment	13	12	11	7	7	6	6	6	5	4
Total	2,796	2,989	3,008	2,878	2,913	2,916	2,850	2,971	3,090	3,075

Table 74: Divorces By Age Group (2000-2009)

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	6	0	3	1	1	0	0	11
15-19	0	40	206	33	6	1	3	0	0	1	290
20-24	2	31	2,064	1,475	293	75	34	11	7	9	4,001
25-29	1	5	399	2,308	1,418	424	171	55	25	28	4,834
30-34	4	0	55	466	1,777	1,266	513	180	85	48	4,394
35-39	2	1	14	75	503	1,640	1,305	494	165	93	4,292
40-44	1	0	9	36	159	534	1,561	1,127	481	246	4,154
45-49	0	0	2	11	63	157	483	1,238	807	471	3,232
50-54	0	0	1	4	15	60	145	353	747	696	2,021
55+	0	0	1	2	8	25	49	118	232	1,243	1,678
Total	10	77	2,751	4,416	4,242	4,185	4,265	3,577	2,549	2,835	28,907