

Table 2.3: Adoptions by type of adoption and by type of adopter(s), 1999 to 2015

Year	Total	Type of adoption			Type of adopter(s) *				
		Regular	Foreign ¹	Parental Order	Male + female joint	One male ²	One female ²	Two males ³	Two females ³
1999	486	485	1	-	240	229	17	-	-
2000	391	391	-	-	203	174	14	-	-
2001	470	469	1	-	274	179	17	-	-
2002	385	382	3	-	243	128	14	-	-
2003	467	450	16	1	289	166	12	-	-
2004	393	378	11	4	244	122	27	-	-
2005	439	433	4	2	281	146	12	-	-
2006	418	410	5	3	257	125	36	-	-
2007	441	429	9	3	285	134	22	-	-
2008	421	412	7	2	293	115	13	-	-
2009	455	439	10	6	303	116	36	-	-
2010	466	455	3	8	320	105	36	4	1
2011	496	477	4	15	355	101	39	0	1
2012	495	484	2	9	324	116	47	7	1
2013	489	481	3	5	350	90	35	11	3
2014	455	443	3	9	318	76	44	7	10
2015	504	492	3	9	315	113	54	11	11

Footnotes

1) Includes overseas adoptions in earlier years: these were cases where children born in Scotland were adopted abroad, and the adoption was registered in Scotland. Since 2009, National Records of Scotland (NRS) has been unable to register such cases.

2) The vast majority of 'one adopter' cases are people who have become step-parents of the children of their spouses or partners.

3) Adoptions by same sex couples have been possible since the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 came into force on 28 September 2009.

* The figures for 'Type of Adopter(s)' for 1999-2009 and 2014 have been corrected since this table was last published.